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AMENDMENTS

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Amendment 1
Petri Sarvamaa

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. **Grants/Refuses** to grant the Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office discharge in respect of the implementation of the Office's budget for the financial year 2017;

Amendment

1. **Refuses** to grant the Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office discharge in respect of the implementation of the Office's budget for the financial year 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Maria Grapini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Underlines the importance of acting responsibly in the implementation of the Union budget;

Amendment

1. Underlines the importance of acting responsibly **and transparently** in the implementation of the Union budget;

Or. ro

Amendment 3
Joachim Kuhs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls that, according to the report of the Court of Auditors (the "Court"), the material and systematic instances of non-compliance of payments with the EASO Financial Regulation and other applicable rules and provisions mainly relate to public

Amendment

3. Recalls that, according to the report of the Court of Auditors (the "Court"), the material and systematic instances of non-compliance of payments with the EASO Financial Regulation and other applicable rules and provisions mainly relate to public

procurement and recruitment procedures underlying payments; regrets, furthermore, that the systematic nature of non-compliances demonstrates an inadequate internal control system; deeply regrets that the combined error from non-compliant payments amounts to at least EUR 7,7 million or 10,3 % of the total payments made by the European Asylum Support Office (the “Office”) in 2017;

procurement and recruitment procedures underlying payments; regrets, furthermore, that the systematic nature of non-compliances demonstrates an inadequate internal control system; deeply regrets that the combined error from non-compliant payments amounts to at least EUR 7,7 million or 10,3 % of the total payments made by the European Asylum Support Office (the “Office”) in 2017, ***instead of acceptable 2% established by the ECA*** ;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Ramona Strugariu, Petri Sarvamaa, Olivier Chastel, Cristian Ghinea, Gilles Boyer, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Lara Wolters, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the decision of the Office’s Management Board of 6 June 2018 to release the Executive Director from his duties with immediate effect; emphasises, however, that the budget for the 2017 financial year was implemented under the supervision of the Office’s previous management; highlights that this report concerns the discharge procedure for the 2017 financial year; welcomes the designation of an ad interim Executive Director on 6 June 2018 and the appointment of a new Executive Director on 16 June 2019;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the decision of the Office’s Management Board of 6 June 2018 to release the Executive Director from his duties with immediate effect; emphasises, however, that the budget for the 2017 financial year was implemented under the supervision of the Office’s previous management; highlights that this report concerns the discharge procedure for the 2017 financial year; welcomes the designation of an ad interim Executive Director on 6 June 2018 and the appointment of a new Executive Director on 16 June 2019; ***recognises the commitment of the new Executive Director to deliver significant reforms ensuring solid governance; appreciates the positive message and intention for future close cooperation expressed by the new Executive Director in the public hearing of 4 September 2019 ;***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Maria Grapini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Recalls European Parliament decision of 24 October 2018¹⁷ refusing to grant the Office's Executive Director discharge for the 2016 financial year; recalls that on 26 March 2019 the European Parliament decided to postpone the decision on the 2017 discharge of the Office;

¹⁷ OJ L 331, 28.12.2018, p. 213.

Amendment

6. Recalls European Parliament ***reasoned*** decision of 24 October 2018¹⁷ refusing to grant the Office's Executive Director discharge for the 2016 financial year; recalls that on 26 March 2019 the European Parliament decided to postpone the decision on the 2017 discharge of the Office;

¹⁷ OJ L 331, 28.12.2018, p. 213.

Or. ro

Amendment 6
Ramona Strugariu, Petri Sarvamaa, Olivier Chastel, Cristian Ghinea, Gilles Boyer, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the follow-up report by the Office on the observations of Parliament for the 2017 financial year, in particular corrective measures taken by the Office's Management Board, the ad interim Executive Director and the new Executive Director in order to improve the governance structure of the Office, restore transparency and build trust; supports the 2019 EASO Governance Action Plan; urges the Office to report to the discharge authority on the implementation of that Action Plan;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the follow-up report by the Office on the observations of Parliament for the 2017 financial year, in particular corrective measures taken by the Office's Management Board, the ad interim Executive Director and the new Executive Director in order to improve the governance structure of the Office, restore transparency and build trust; supports ***and appreciates the measures outlined by*** the 2019 EASO Governance Action Plan; urges the Office to ***regularly*** report to the discharge authority on the implementation

of that Action Plan;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the follow-up report by the Office on the observations of Parliament for the 2017 financial year, in particular corrective measures taken by the Office's Management Board, the ad interim Executive Director and the new Executive Director in order to improve the governance structure of the Office, restore transparency and build trust; supports the 2019 EASO Governance Action Plan; urges the Office to report to the discharge authority on the implementation of that Action Plan;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the follow-up report by the Office on the observations of Parliament for the 2017 financial year, in particular corrective measures taken by the Office's Management Board, the ad interim Executive Director and the new Executive Director in order to improve the governance structure of the Office, restore transparency and build trust; supports the 2019 EASO Governance Action Plan; urges the Office to **regularly and publicly** report to the discharge authority on the implementation of that Action Plan;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Maria Grapini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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transparency and build trust; supports the 2019 EASO Governance Action Plan; urges the Office to report to the discharge authority on the implementation of that Action Plan;

Office, restore transparency and build trust; supports the 2019 EASO Governance Action Plan; urges the Office to report to the discharge authority on the implementation of that Action Plan;

Or. ro

Amendment 9

Ramona Strugariu, Petri Sarvamaa, Olivier Chastel, Cristian Ghinea, Gilles Boyer, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Katalin Cseh, Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Acknowledges the progress made on the implementation of internal control systems, including controls on procurement and expenditure operations; supports the Court's observations on the need for further corrective actions;

Amendment

8. Acknowledges ***the efforts and appreciates*** the progress made on the implementation of internal control systems, including controls on procurement and expenditure operations; supports the ***decision to reduce and rapidly end outsourcing legal counselling by the establishment of an internal legal service;*** ***supports the*** Court's observations on the need for further corrective actions;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Ramona Strugariu, Petri Sarvamaa, Olivier Chastel, Cristian Ghinea, Gilles Boyer, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Recognises*** the corrective actions ***implemented*** by the Office regarding procurement procedures, in particular the payments under irregular procurement processes, and the completion of new open

Amendment

9. ***Notes with satisfaction the implementation of two thirds of*** the corrective actions by the Office regarding procurement procedures, in particular ***regarding*** the payments under irregular

procedures, which were audited by the Court without raising any comments;

procurement processes, and the completion of new open procedures, which were audited by the Court without raising any comments;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Welcomes the ambitious recruitment plan put in place and its positive impact on the filling of vacant managerial and other positions; urges the Office to quickly finalise the recruitments;

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Or. fr

Amendment 12
Ramona Strugariu, Petri Sarvamaa, Olivier Chastel, Cristian Ghinea, Gilles Boyer, Vlad-Marius Botoş, Lara Wolters, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Welcomes the ambitious recruitment plan put in place and its positive impact on the filling of vacant managerial and other positions; urges the Office to quickly finalise the recruitments;

10. Welcomes the ambitious recruitment plan put in place and its positive impact on the filling of vacant managerial and other positions; **notes with satisfaction the implementation of new measures aimed at preventing harassment, increasing staff well-being and reducing turnover;** urges the Office to quickly finalise the recruitments **in full compliance with the relevant legal procedures and to provide a regular follow up on the results achieved;**

Amendment 13
Maria Grapini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the ambitious recruitment plan put in place and its positive impact on the filling of vacant managerial and other positions; urges the Office to quickly finalise the recruitments;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the ambitious recruitment plan put in place and its positive impact on the filling of vacant managerial and other positions; urges the EASO to finalise the recruitment procedures as soon as possible, ***taking candidates' quality, skills and experience as the basic criteria;***

Or. ro

Amendment 14
Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Notes with satisfaction that most members of the Management Board have published their declarations of interest and curricula vitae on the Office website; calls on those outstanding members to publish their CVs as quickly as possible; welcomes the commitment of the new leadership to raise awareness, prevent, identify and address any potential situations of conflict of interest; calls on the office to develop and implement in this sense a comprehensive strategy outlining it in their next Governance Action Plan and to report to the discharge authority on the results achieved;

Amendment 15

Ramona Strugariu, Petri Sarvamaa, Olivier Chastel, Cristian Ghinea, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Lara Wolters, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. *Notes with satisfaction that most members of the Management Board have published their declarations of interest and curricula vitae on the Office website; welcomes the commitment of the new leadership to raise awareness, prevent, identify and address any potential situations of conflict of interest; calls on the office to develop and implement in this sense a comprehensive strategy outlining it in their next Governance Action Plan and to report to the discharge authority on the results achieved;*

Amendment 16

Ramona Strugariu, Petri Sarvamaa, Olivier Chastel, Cristian Ghinea, Gilles Boyer, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Lara Wolters, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10c. *Notes with appreciation the measures intended by the new Office leadership to encourage and protect whistle-blowers; recalls that a safe environment for whistle-blowers is a key element for preventing, exposing and addressing irregular and unlawful practices; expects a rapid adoption of internal rules and guidelines concerning*

*whistle-blowing and revolving doors and
calls on the Office to further report on the
results achieved;*

Or. en