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2016 discharge: EU general budget - Commission
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Amendment 1
Mireille D'Ornano

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Paragraph 2

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2. Is satisfied with the work carried out by the five decentralised agencies which are under its remit and which carry out technical, scientific or managerial tasks that help the Union institutions elaborate and implement policies in the area of environment, climate, public health and food safety, as well as with the way those agencies' budgets are implemented;

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2. Is satisfied with the work carried out by the five decentralised agencies which are under its remit and which carry out technical, scientific or managerial tasks that help the Union institutions elaborate and implement policies in the area of environment, climate, public health and food safety, as well as with the way those agencies' budgets are implemented; ***points out, however, that the independence of several agencies has been called into serious question by the publication of documents known as the 'Monsanto papers', which reveal probable conflicts of interest, particularly in relation to the European Food Safety Authority;***

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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3. With respect to the overall error rate of the section "Rural Development, fisheries, environment and climate", notes a slight reduction of the error rate in the report of the Court of Auditors ('the Court') for 2016, with 4,9 % against 5,3 % in 2015 and 6,2 % in 2014; notes that, for the environment, climate action and fisheries, the three quantifiable errors identified in the transactions examined by the Court

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3. With respect to the overall error rate of the section "Rural Development, fisheries, environment and climate", notes ***with regret only*** a slight reduction of the error rate in the report of the Court of Auditors ('the Court') for 2016, with 4,9 % against 5,3 % in 2015 and 6,2 % in 2014, ***still well above the 2% acceptable error rate;*** notes that, for the environment, climate action and fisheries, the three

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Or. en

Amendment 3 Julie Girling

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Or. en

Amendment 4 Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

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of commitment appropriations reached 98,95 % and that those of payment appropriations reached 99,17 % at year end;

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Or. fr

Amendment 5
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

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Paragraph 6 a (new)

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6a. Regrets that there is no specific reporting framework managed by the Commission in relation to identifying and measuring the undesired implications of EU policies that make a negative contribution to climate change, and in relation to quantifying the share of this expenditure in the total Union budget;

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Amendment 6
Mireille D'Ornano

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management were possible as this DG was not able to effectively monitor and compare workload within the DG; ***adds that this is worrying in view of the future management of the Union's revenue, which is likely to decline following the departure of the United Kingdom;***

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

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Or. fr

Amendment 8
Luke Ming Flanagan

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Or. en

Amendment 9 Luke Ming Flanagan

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9. Highlights that the budget of DG CLIMA is mainly implemented through direct centralised management, and that the 2016 commitments and payment appropriations amounted to EUR 118,1 million and EUR 59,25 million respectively; **highlights** that while the implementation rate of commitment appropriations amounted to 99,72 %, it was only 70,49 % for payment appropriations, due to the signature only at the end of December 2016 of three new operations under the financial instrument Private Finance for Energy Efficiency (PF4EE);

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Or. en

Amendment 10 Julie Girling

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Paragraph 13 a (new)

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13a. Notes that the Court published a Special Report on how more efforts were needed to implement the Natura 2000 Network to its full potential including recommendations for improvements such as estimating the actual spending and future funding required at site level more accurately and completely;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Luke Ming Flanagan

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Paragraph 15

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15. Is of the opinion, on the basis of the data available and the implementation report, that discharge ***can be granted*** to the Commission with respect to expenditure in the areas of environmental and climate policy, public health and food safety for the financial year 2016.

15. Is of the opinion, on the basis of the data available - ***which shows an error rate more than double the acceptable rate*** - and the implementation report, that ***the decision on granting*** discharge to the Commission with respect to expenditure in the areas of environmental and climate policy, public health and food safety for the financial year 2016, ***should be postponed.***

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