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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**

**Jakop Dalunde**

2016 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)  
(2017/2158(DEC))



## Amendment 1

Matthijs van Miltenburg, Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička, Jens Rohde

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 5

##### *Draft opinion*

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Maria Grapini

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Or. ro

### **Amendment 3**

**Matthijs van Miltenburg, Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička, Jens Rohde**

#### **Draft opinion Paragraph 6**

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***notes a discrepancy in this establishment plan between the different AD and AST posts authorised under the EU budget and the posts actually filled, and calls upon the Agency to address this imbalance;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 4**

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#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 7**

##### *Draft opinion*

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## Amendment 6

Nicola Caputo

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

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**7a.** *Hopes to see an acceleration of the entry into force of the European regulation on drones; highlights the Agency's vital role in ensuring the highest possible level of aviation safety throughout Europe; stresses that, in the context of fast-developing civil aviation services, exemplified by the increasingly widespread use of drones, the Agency should be given the necessary financial, material and human resources to successfully perform its regulatory and executive tasks in the fields of safety and environmental protection, but without compromising its independence and impartiality;*

Or. it

**Amendment 7**

**Matthijs van Miltenburg, Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička, Jens Rohde**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 a.** *Welcomes the political agreement on the revision of the common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency<sup>1a</sup>, as agreed in November 2017 by the Parliament, the Council and Commission; urges the Commission and Member States to provide necessary resources for the new and reinforced competences concerning, among others, risks to civil aviation arising from conflict zones, environmental related topics and the certification and registration of unmanned aircraft;*

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***1<sup>a</sup> Regulation COM(2015) 613: Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Safety Agency, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council.***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**

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**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8 b. Welcomes the active role of the Agency in the call for proposals under the Horizont 2020 programme; urges the Agency to remain active in the field of research and development;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**

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**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8 c (new)**

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***8 c. Supports the establishment of a working group to look into the potential risks and impact of Brexit; recommends the Agency to work closely together with the other European Institutions regarding this matter; proposes that the Agency presents the outcomes of this working group to the European Parliament in due time;***



