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AMENDMENTS

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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2009, Section I – European Parliament
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Amendment 1
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1a. Acknowledges that the current financial situation necessitates that the Parliament, along with all Union institutions, find the most cost effective ways of using financial and staff resources, as well as electronic tools and methods, to provide efficient services;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Bart Staes, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Recalls that, in its resolution of 5 May 2010, on discharge to Parliament for the financial year 2008, Parliament deplores the great number (88 out of 452) and significant proportion of outstanding actions in respect of the audit carried out by the Internal Auditor on the internal control framework; notes with satisfaction the replies by the Secretary-General to the discharge questionnaire according to which, in the opinion of the Directors General, considerable progress took place in the implementation of the action items adopted by them: by the end of 2010 they considered 51 actions to have been fully implemented (including all of the 4 critical actions), 31 actions to have been partially implemented, whilst for 6 actions most of

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the work still needed to be done; requests however that the assessment and validation by its Internal Auditor of these self-assessments be included in its forthcoming annual report; also requests the Secretary-General to report to the Committee on Budgetary Control **by 30 September 2011** on all outstanding actions;

the work still needed to be done; requests however that the assessment and validation by its Internal Auditor of these self-assessments be included in its forthcoming annual report; also requests the Secretary-General to report **on a three-monthly basis** to the Committee on Budgetary Control on all outstanding actions;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Recalls that DG ITEC was the most concerned, with 22 open actions; notes with satisfaction that, according to the Internal Auditor, the Directorate for Information Technology within DG ITEC, has implemented 19 of the 22 open actions and, in the process, has made significant progress in developing its control framework; encourages all its Directorates general concerned to continue their efforts to improve their respective management and control procedures;

Amendment

2. Recalls that DG ITEC was the most concerned, with 22 open actions; notes with satisfaction that, according to the Internal Auditor, the Directorate for Information Technology within DG ITEC, has implemented 19 of the 22 open actions and, in the process, has made significant progress in developing its control framework; encourages all its Directorates general concerned to continue their efforts to improve their respective management and control procedures; ***is of the opinion that for the remaining three open actions, an implementation deadline should be set;***

Or. en

Amendment 4
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

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concerned, with 22 open actions; notes with satisfaction that, according to the Internal Auditor, the Directorate for Information Technology within DG ITEC, has implemented 19 of the 22 open actions and, in the process, has made significant progress in developing its control framework; ***underlines, however, that it is not progress but accomplishments that should count when deciding on discharge and*** encourages all its Directorates general concerned to continue their efforts to improve their respective management and control procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Bart Staes, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that 2009 was the first year of implementation for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament and for the Statute for Accredited Parliamentary Assistants; observes a certain number of initial problems with the implementing measures for the Assistants' Statute, welcomes however the fact that a Temporary Evaluation Group, set up within the Bureau, on the Members' and Assistants' Statutes has proposed amendments to the implementing measures for the Members' Statute concerning (i) Members' travel, (ii) Members' sickness insurance and reimbursement of medical expenses, (iii) travel by assistants on mission, (iv) duration and renewal of assistants' contracts, (v) assistants' professional training, and (vi) rules concerning Members' trainees as well as other amendments to the Assistants' Statute, in particular on (i) use of the parliamentary assistance and general expenditure allowances, (ii) paying agents, and (iii) revision of the complaints and appeals procedure for Members;

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Or. en

Amendment 7
Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 8
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Notes however that carrying out checks on the actual ways in which assistants on mission travel was not among the proposed amendments, leaving the door wide open to abuse ; requests that its relevant management services carry out regular checks on parliamentary assistants' travel, in particular for missions where the assistant's own car was allegedly used;

Or. en

**Amendment 9
Chris Davies**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Observes that current rules for the payment of the General Expenditure allowance, which state that money be paid to a personal account of the Member but do not require any proof of expenditure, have led to the creation of a division between Members, whereby some account for the expenditure in full and publish details thereof, while those who do not adopt such transparent procedures risk the accusation that a proportion of the allowance may be used to supplement their personal income; calls on the Secretary-General to propose arrangements to ensure that expenditure of the allowance is transparent in all cases and used for the purposes intended;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes the significant increase in the workload registered by the administration, relating to the entry into force of the new Statutes; notes with concern the more complicated procedure as regards accredited assistants' missions outside the three places of work and considers that, in spite of considerable increase in staffing, there are insufficient staff members in the Members' service and the services dealing with assistants and requests, therefore, the redeployment by the administration of additional staff in order to cope with the increased workload; requests, moreover, that an evaluation/assessment be made and forwarded to its competent committees by 30 September 2011 on the experience gained of the implementation of the two Statutes following the first full year of their implementation, *as well as on their* financial implications for Parliament's budget;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 11
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes *the significant increase in the workload registered by the administration,* relating to the entry into force of the new Statutes; *notes with concern the more complicated procedure as regards accredited assistants' missions outside the*

Amendment

4. Notes *that Parliament needs more efficient ways of processing the administrative tasks* relating to *employment of assistants since* the entry into force of the new Statutes *if delays* are *to be avoided and* requests, moreover, that

three places of work and considers that, in spite of considerable increase in staffing, there are insufficient staff members in the Members' service and the services dealing with assistants and requests, therefore, the redeployment by the administration of additional staff in order to cope with the increased workload; requests, moreover, that an *evaluation/assessment* be made and forwarded to its competent committees by 30 September 2011 on the experience gained of the implementation of the two Statutes following the first full year of their implementation, as well as on their financial implications for Parliament's budget;

an *evaluation* be made and forwarded to its competent committees by 30 September 2011 on the experience gained of the implementation of the two Statutes following the first full year of their implementation, as well as on their financial *and staffing* implications for Parliament's budget;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes the significant increase in the workload registered by the administration, relating to the entry into force of the new Statutes; notes with concern the more complicated procedure as regards accredited assistants' missions outside the three places of work and considers that, in spite of considerable increase in staffing, there are insufficient staff members in the Members' service and the services dealing with assistants and requests, therefore, the redeployment by the administration of additional staff in order to cope with the increased workload; requests, moreover, that an evaluation/assessment be made and forwarded to its competent committees by 30 September 2011 on the experience gained of the implementation of the two Statutes following the first full year of their implementation, as well as on their

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financial implications for Parliament's budget;

implementation, as well as on their financial implications for Parliament's budget;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 14
Monica Luisa Macovei, Iliana Ivanova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 15
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. *Welcomes* the recent adoption by the Bureau on 24 March 2010 of the long-awaited medium-term strategy in the IT and the buildings sectors;

Amendment

6. *Notes* the recent adoption by the Bureau on 24 March 2010 of the long-awaited medium-term strategy in the IT and the buildings sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the *recent* adoption by the Bureau on 24 March 2010 of the long-awaited medium-term strategy in the IT and the buildings sectors;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 17
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. *Welcomes* the recent adoption by the Bureau on 24 March 2010 of the long-awaited medium-term strategy in the IT and the buildings sectors;

Amendment

6. *Notes* the recent adoption by the Bureau on 24 March 2010 of the long-awaited medium-term strategy in the IT and the buildings sectors *expects that the buildings strategy will be subject to an improved interinstitutional cooperation and that the organisations of local inhabitants will be consulted on a regular basis*;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. *Applauds* especially the medium- and long-term property policy (buildings strategy) approved by the Bureau on 24 March 2010, which takes into account

Amendment

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Parliament's increased responsibilities under the Treaty of Lisbon, the rules governing allocation of space, the need for accommodation of certain external staff and the need for maintenance/renovation of buildings;

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Or. en

Amendment 19
Bart Staes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Applauds especially the medium- and long-term property policy (buildings strategy) approved by the Bureau on 24 March 2010, which takes into account Parliament's increased responsibilities under the Treaty of Lisbon, the rules governing allocation of space, the need for accommodation of certain external staff and the need for maintenance/renovation of buildings;

Amendment

7. Applauds especially the medium- and long-term property policy (buildings strategy) approved by the Bureau on 24 March 2010, which takes into account Parliament's increased responsibilities under the Treaty of Lisbon, the rules governing allocation of space, the need for accommodation of certain external staff and the need for maintenance/renovation of buildings; *is of the opinion that an evaluation and rationalisation of the actual office space should be conducted before decisions are taken on the purchase of new buildings; calls further on the Secretary General to conduct negotiations with the Belgium authorities aimed at reducing the extra percentage (33%) to be paid if Parliament purchases "State" owned property;*

Or. en

Amendment 20
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Applauds** especially the medium- and long-term property policy (buildings strategy) approved by the Bureau on 24 March 2010, which takes into account Parliament's increased responsibilities under the Treaty of Lisbon, the rules governing allocation of space, the need for accommodation of certain external staff and the need for maintenance/renovation of buildings;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 21
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Requests the Bureau to send the minutes of the quarterly meetings between the Bureau's audit panel and the internal auditors to the Committee on Budgetary Control;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Subheading -1 (new) (under heading "Main remaining challenges")

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cost control

Amendment 23
Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Insists that, in a time of austerity, Parliament must lead by example, by controlling its costs and by carefully managing its resources; request specifically that funds for any additional expenditure that is required for enlargement of the Union or to respond to changing priorities be found by making savings elsewhere;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new) (under subheading "Security")

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Condemns the third consecutive robbery inside what should be Parliament's secure premises; strongly disapproves of the evident deficiencies in Parliament's security; calls on its administration to re-deploy the responsible manager to new tasks;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Finds it astonishing that around 900 people work in Parliament's security services, most of them as external contract staff and also points to the steady increase in total security costs (some EUR 43 000 000 in 2009); requests, in the light of recent security incidents, the overhaul of these services in order to increase their efficiency;

Amendment

9. Finds it astonishing that around 900 people work in Parliament's security services, most of them as external contract staff and also points to the steady increase in total security costs (some EUR 43 000 000 in 2009); requests, in the light of recent security incidents, the overhaul of these services in order to increase their efficiency; ***strongly suggests that the two major contracts for security services, both physical and technical, will not be concluded with the same firm as is now the case;***

Or. en

Amendment 26

Monica Luisa Macovei, Iliana Ivanova

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

9. Finds it astonishing that around 900 people work in Parliament's security services, most of them as external contract staff and ***notes that while overall*** security costs ***have increased by more than 30% since 2004 (up to*** EUR 43 000 000 in 2009), ***the costs for technical equipment for security have decreased by about 10% in the same time period;*** requests, in the light of recent security incidents, the overhaul of these services in order to increase their efficiency;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes in this respect the establishment, from 1 January 2010, of a new Directorate in charge of Security and requests the newly established Directorate to conduct an in-depth review of Parliament's security policy and to work on proposals to adopt security solutions for Parliament which are more technology-oriented and cheaper, resulting in considerable savings in terms of staff and budget;

Amendment

10. Welcomes in this respect the establishment, from 1 January 2010, of a new Directorate in charge of Security and requests the newly established Directorate to conduct an in-depth review of Parliament's security policy and to work on proposals to adopt security solutions for Parliament which are more technology-oriented and cheaper, resulting in considerable savings in terms of staff and budget; ***also requests the Secretary-General to report to the Committee on Budgetary Control by 30 September 2011 on the concrete accomplishments in this field; shows concern that a year after the creation of the new Directorate a new hold-up took place on Parliament's premises;***

Or. en

Amendment 28
Bart Staes, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

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oriented and cheaper , resulting in considerable savings in terms of staff **and would like to be informed on progress made**;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

10. Welcomes in this respect the establishment, from 1 January 2010, of a new Directorate in charge of Security and requests the newly established Directorate to conduct an in-depth review of Parliament's security policy and to work on proposals to adopt security solutions for Parliament which are more technology-oriented and cheaper , resulting in considerable savings in terms of staff and budget, **and which ensure the recruitment of highly professional staff, and offer not only a more efficient but also a more reliable and effective service**;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that the new security policy should aim to strike a balance which is cost effective between internal staff and external agents and between security concerns, on the one hand, and

Amendment

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accessibility and openness, on the other hand, in order to enable Parliament to remain, as much as possible, an open and accessible institution;

accessibility and openness, on the other hand, in order to enable Parliament to remain, as much as possible, an open and accessible institution; *stresses that more video surveillance is not a desirable way to go forward;*

Or. en

Amendment 31
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Notes that one of the weak spots in the security of Parliament today is that Members can enter and exit the buildings without submitting their badges to electronic control; believes that it should be considered to be mandatory for Members to show their badge when going in and out of the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Observes that the arrangements for signing in Members' visitors are slow and cumbersome by comparison to those of the European Commission and those of many national parliaments where security is of equal importance, and that this results in unnecessary delays and inconvenience for visitors, Members and their assistants; invites the Secretary-

*General to study the practices of
parliaments elsewhere and thereafter to
recommend adoption of improved
procedures;*

Or. en

Amendment 33
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point i

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*i) electronic signature for Members
(instead of the current, archaic system of
signatures on paper with data entered
manually by staff);*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 34
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point i

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

i) electronic signature for Members
(instead of the current, archaic system of
signatures on paper with data entered
manually by staff);

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(instead of the current, archaic **and costly**
system of signatures on paper with data
entered manually by staff);

Or. en

Amendment 35
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point i

Motion for a resolution

i) electronic signature for Members (instead of the current, archaic system of signatures on paper with data entered manually by staff);

Amendment

i) electronic signature for Members (instead of the current, archaic system of signatures on paper with data entered manually by staff), ***whilst making sure that the new system leaves no room for abuse;***

Or. en

Amendment 36
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point iv

Motion for a resolution

iv) an internalised accreditation system for visitors, to provide an improved and more consistent service;

Amendment

iv) an internalised accreditation system for visitors ***by employing as far as possible the current staff and giving them appropriate training in order*** to provide an improved and more consistent service;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point iv a (new)

Motion for a resolution

iv)a security drills comparable to fire alarm drills;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 38
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a(new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a Considering the breaches of security on Parliament's premises, the final concept of the security strategy should be presented no later than 30 November 2011;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 – point ii a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

ii)a who has access to the recordings;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 – point ii b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

ii)b how visitors are informed about the video-surveillance system;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 – point ii a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

ii) a whether the many cameras and the video surveillance have helped to prevent, detect or resolve thefts or in general how they have helped to increase the level of security in the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Deplores the lack of security in Parliament's vicinity and is of the opinion that improved cooperation with local police forces (*including establishing joint security/police units*) would result in a more efficient use of resources; encourages the institutions' to reach an agreement with the Belgian authorities on improving security within the EU district in Brussels by inter alia intensifying police patrols;

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Or. en

Amendment 43
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Deplores the lack of security in

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Parliament's vicinity and is of the opinion that improved cooperation with local police forces (*including establishing joint security/police units*) would result in a more efficient use of resources; encourages the institutions' to reach an agreement with the Belgian authorities on improving security within the EU district in Brussels by inter alia intensifying police patrols;

Parliament's vicinity and is of the opinion that improved cooperation with local police forces would result in a more efficient use of resources; encourages the institutions' to reach an agreement with the Belgian authorities on improving security within the EU district in Brussels by inter alia intensifying police patrols;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Is of the opinion that the efforts aimed at increasing security should also include fire protection and fire alarm exercises and that such training should be organised at least twice a year for all users of Parliament's premises;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Allowances for Members

Or. en

Amendment 46
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. Notes that the arrangements for Members to sign in order to claim attendance allowance when Parliament is not in session continue to be a source of public criticism, particular when Members are observed to sign at 07.00 and immediately then depart from the Parliament, and recommends that the procedure for signing be restricted to the normal working hours of the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Job rotation

Or. en

Amendment 48
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15c. Requests information on any derogations of the common practice of job rotation, after seven years in the same job at the very latest, of staff, and in particular people in so-called "sensitive posts";

Or. en

Amendment 49

Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Deplores the overdependence on external (technical) expertise, especially in the IT and buildings sectors resulting from structural imbalances between internal and external resources and calls for a cost-effective balance to be struck between in-house and external expertise in each area of parliamentary activity;

17. Deplores the overdependence on external (technical) expertise, especially in the IT and buildings sectors resulting from structural imbalances between internal and external resources and calls for a cost-effective balance to be struck between in-house and external expertise in each area of parliamentary activity; ***therefore considers that a cost-benefit analysis should be carried out to inform decisions regarding the hire of external expertise;***

Or. en

Amendment 50

Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Asks for an estimate of the loss incurred by the sale of the old Parliament

building in Brussels to the Committee of the Regions, taking into account the price per square metre of the offices which are currently being purchased or leased;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. fordert den Generalsekretär auf, zusammen mit der GD INLO und allen Generaldirektionen eine eingehende Analyse der derzeitigen Nutzung der Gebäude des Parlaments vorzunehmen und zu prüfen, ob Vorschriften notwendig sind, die für alle Arten von Nutzern gelten, sowie als vorrangige Aufgabe eine einheitliche, verlässliche Datenbank mit allen einschlägigen Informationen über sämtliche in den Parlamentsgebäuden untergebrachte Personen zu entwickeln; stellt fest, dass der Präsidiumsbeschluss über die mittel- und langfristige Gebäudepolitik des Parlaments diesbezüglich einen guten Ausgangspunkt darstellt; fordert die GD INLO auf, den mit dem Internen Prüfer vereinbarten Aktionsplan peinlich genau umzusetzen;

Amendment

19. fordert den Generalsekretär auf, zusammen mit der GD INLO und allen Generaldirektionen eine eingehende Analyse der derzeitigen Nutzung der Gebäude des Parlaments vorzunehmen und zu prüfen, ob Vorschriften notwendig sind, die für alle Arten von Nutzern gelten, sowie als vorrangige Aufgabe eine einheitliche, verlässliche Datenbank mit allen einschlägigen Informationen über sämtliche in den Parlamentsgebäuden untergebrachte Personen zu entwickeln; stellt fest, dass der Präsidiumsbeschluss über die mittel- und langfristige Gebäudepolitik des Parlaments diesbezüglich einen guten Ausgangspunkt darstellt; fordert die GD INLO auf, den mit dem Internen Prüfer vereinbarten Aktionsplan peinlich genau umzusetzen; ***fordert eine Vergleichsrechnung, die auf der Basis der genutzten Büroquadratmeter die Kosten für Investition, Kapitaldienst und Unterhalt mit dem aktuellen Mietpreis für Büroflächen im Europaviertel in Brüssel vergleicht; verlangt, dass vor dem Erwerb weiterer Büroimmobilien deren Wert nach dem Discounted-cash-flow (DCF)-Verfahren ermittelt wird;***

Or. de

Amendment 52
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes the two priority projects necessitating important new office surfaces to be found: a second crèche in Brussels and a second assistant's office; stresses in this context the need for Parliament's buildings to be located close to each other in order to achieve more efficiency and also for environmental reasons;

Amendment

20. Notes the two priority projects necessitating important new office surfaces to be found: a second crèche in Brussels and a second assistant's office; stresses in this context the need for Parliament's buildings to be located close to each other in order to achieve more efficiency and also for environmental reasons; ***believes that an analysis of future building needs should include full financial assessments in addition to consideration of the most practical solutions;***

Or. en

Amendment 53
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes ***the two priority projects necessitating important new office surfaces to be found:*** a second crèche in Brussels ***and a second assistant's office;*** stresses in ***this*** context ***the need*** for Parliament's ***buildings to be located close to each other in order to achieve more efficiency and also for environmental reasons;***

Amendment

20. Notes ***that*** a second crèche in Brussels ***is a priority project and therefore, requires new floor space;*** asks, in ***the*** context of ***new office space,*** for ***a survey among Members of the European Parliament to assess whether they consider a second assistant's office necessary with regard to the employment of further assistants;***

Or. en

Amendment 54
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes the two priority projects necessitating important new office surfaces to be found: a second crèche in Brussels and a second assistant's office; stresses in this context the need for Parliament's buildings to be located close to each other in order to achieve more efficiency and also for environmental reasons;

Amendment

20. Notes the two priority projects necessitating important new office surfaces to be found: a second crèche in Brussels and a second assistant's office; stresses in this context the need for Parliament's buildings to be located close to each other in order to achieve more efficiency and also for environmental reasons, ***but not at all costs***;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Bart Staes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes the two priority projects necessitating important new office surfaces to be found: a second crèche in Brussels and a second assistant's office; stresses in this context the need for Parliament's buildings to be located close to each other in order to achieve more efficiency and also for environmental reasons;

Amendment

20. Notes the two priority projects necessitating important new office surfaces to be found: a second crèche in Brussels and a ***possible*** second assistant's office ***if no other solutions such as the removal of the sanitation units can be found***; stresses in this context the need for Parliament's buildings to be located close to each other in order to achieve more efficiency and also for environmental reasons;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes *the two* priority *projects necessitating important new office surfaces to* be found: *a second* crèche in Brussels *and a second assistant's office*; stresses in this context the need for Parliament's buildings to be located close to each other in order to achieve more efficiency and also for environmental reasons;

Amendment

20. Notes *that, as a* priority, *space should* be found *for extra* crèche *places* in Brussels *to deal with demand*; stresses in this context the need for Parliament's buildings to be located close to each other in order to achieve more efficiency and also for environmental reasons;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Considers it preferable that the Parliament's buildings are located close to each other; recalls, however, that this preference is in contradiction with the fact that there are three official places of work; stresses in this context that there is sufficient office space available for rent in the immediate vicinity of the European Parliament in Brussels, which could satisfy office space needs in the medium term and at the same time comply with the Parliament's financial and operating efficiency and environmental objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Encourages its administration to negotiate an inter-institutional agreement with the Commission on the financial arrangements for the purchase of 'Europe Houses' (EP Information Offices);

Amendment

21. Encourages its administration to negotiate an inter-institutional agreement with the Commission on the financial arrangements for the purchase of 'Europe Houses' (EP Information Offices), ***which is to include clear paragraphs on cost reductions;***

Or. en

Amendment 59
Monica Luisa Macovei, Iliana Ivanova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes the more structured approach to ICT and the elaboration of a comprehensive strategy in this field;

Amendment

22. Welcomes the more structured approach to ICT and the elaboration of a comprehensive strategy in this field; ***further welcomes the commitment by its administration in its answers to the questionnaire to launch a study on the possibility of replacement of external staff;***

Or. en

Amendment 60
Monica Luisa Macovei, Iliana Ivanova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls therefore on DG ITEC to

Amendment

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scrupulously implement the action plan agreed with the Internal Auditor and to aim to achieve an adequate mix of Parliament staff and external resources as well as an appropriate balance between internal application development and deliverables-based contracting; supports also the suggestion to urgently organise separate AD7 competitions in this field;

scrupulously implement the action plan agreed with the Internal Auditor and to aim to achieve an adequate mix of Parliament staff and external resources as well as an appropriate balance between internal application development and deliverables-based contracting; ***takes note of the lack of qualified candidates on EPSO lists in the field of IT security***; supports also the suggestion to urgently organise separate AD7 competitions in this field;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Is appalled by the huge data roaming costs reimbursed to staff members who neglect spiralling costs when in Strasbourg and elsewhere outside Brussels; urges IT management to create a control tool whereby extremely high costs are prevented by the detection of sharp increases in an early stage;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Draws attention to the fact that, for Parliament, the increasing use of external companies for implementing IT projects, in addition to being financially detrimental,

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runs the risk that it will lose important parts of its know-how as well as its ability to manage and supervise projects delivered by external contractors;

runs the risk that it will lose important parts of its know-how as well as its ability to manage and supervise projects delivered by external contractors; ***furthermore calls for use of external companies to be based on a cost-benefit analysis; moreover because of the increasing role and importance of ICT (Information and Communication Technology) in the work of European Parliament, it deems to be important to raise the role of ICT management to a higher level, also to ensure higher security protection;***

Or. en

Amendment 63

Monica Luisa Macovei, Iliana Ivanova

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Draws attention to the fact that, for Parliament, the increasing use of external companies for implementing IT projects, in addition to being financially detrimental, runs the risk that it will lose important parts of its know-how as well as its ability to manage and supervise projects delivered by external contractors;

Amendment

25. Draws attention to the fact that, for Parliament, the increasing use of external companies for implementing IT projects, in addition to being financially detrimental, runs the risk that it will lose important parts of its know-how as well as its ability to manage and supervise projects delivered by external contractors; ***demands DG ITEC to provide information on the costs of externalising the computing centres in comparison to previous costs in its activity report for 2010;***

Or. en

Amendment 64

Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Is concerned to see the continuing upward trend in the number of exceptional negotiated procedures and reiterates its call to the Secretary-General and the Authorising Officers by delegation to take effective and efficient measures in order to reverse that trend and to report to its competent committee by 30 September 2011 on the measures taken ;

Amendment

27. Is concerned to see the continuing upward trend in the number of exceptional negotiated procedures and reiterates its call to the Secretary-General and the Authorising Officers by delegation to take effective and efficient measures in order to reverse that trend and to report to its competent committee by 30 September 2011 on the measures taken; ***further urges its administration to continue the strict scrutiny of these procedures, in particular with respect to possible conflicts of interest, and to apply intensified and dissuasive sanctions for any irregularity found;***

Or. en

Amendment 65
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Statute for Members

Or. en

Amendment 66
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Wishes to be informed about the savings made under Article 24(5) of the implementing measures for the statute for

*Members of the European Parliament,
which provides that "if the duration of the
Member's stay at the place of work is less
than four hours and the journeys to and
from the place of work are undertaken on
the same day, the subsistence allowance
shall be reduced by half";*

Or. en

Amendment 67
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*28. Notes that the internal organisation
and distribution of powers between
Parliament's internal structures is defined
by its rules of procedure; stresses that this
is a key element in the democratic process
of good law-making;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 68
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*28a. Finds that the possibility of posing
written questions to the other institutions
should be improved by providing
appropriate forms for each of the
institutions as well as adapting
Parliament's Rules of Procedure;*

Or. en

Amendment 69

Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Considers that an additional column should be added to the table containing the relevant data for the previous year in order to provide better transparency and facilitate comparisons;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Notes with satisfaction that for the first time in 2009 no mopping-up transfer took place at the end of the financial year, after a number of years when the possibility of mopping-up was used (mostly to purchase buildings by making advance payments against the annual lease payments), which suggests a better budget planning and discipline which is to be praised; encourages its administration to pursue this objective in the future as well and to avoid, as far as possible, using the technique of mopping up;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 71

Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. *Notes with satisfaction* that for the first time in 2009 no mopping-up transfer took place at the end of the financial year, after a number of years when the possibility of mopping-up was used (mostly to purchase buildings by making advance payments against the annual lease payments), **which suggests a better budget planning and discipline which is to be praised; encourages its administration to pursue this objective in the future as well and to avoid, as far as possible, using the technique of mopping up;**

Amendment

31. ***Stresses the importance of realistic and disciplined budget planning and encourages its administration to pursue this objective in the future as well; recalls, that the technique of "mopping up" must not lead to the budgeting of inflated amounts with the aim of transferring unused appropriations at the year end; notes*** that for the first time in 2009 no mopping-up transfer took place at the end of the financial year, after a number of years when the possibility of mopping-up was used (mostly to purchase buildings by making advance payments against the annual lease payments); ***recalls that the financial regulation currently prohibits direct borrowing and that advance payments have enabled the Parliament to reduce its interest payments in the past; requests that any future mopping up transfers be fully transparent;***

Or. en

Amendment 72
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Notes with satisfaction that for the first time in 2009 no mopping-up transfer took place at the end of the financial year, after a number of years when the possibility of mopping-up was used (mostly to purchase buildings by making advance payments against the annual lease payments), which suggests a better budget planning and discipline which is ***to be praised;*** encourages its administration to pursue this objective in the future as well and to avoid, as far as possible, using the technique of

Amendment

31. Notes with satisfaction that for the first time in 2009 no mopping-up transfer took place at the end of the financial year, after a number of years when the possibility of mopping-up was used (mostly to purchase buildings by making advance payments against the annual lease payments), which suggests a better budget planning and discipline which is ***in fact only good housekeeping; not having done so in earlier years constituted a violation of the principles of sound financial***

mopping up;

management; encourages its administration to pursue this objective in the future as well and to avoid, as far as possible, using the technique of mopping up;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Notes with satisfaction that for the first time in 2009 no mopping-up transfer took place at the end of the financial year, after a number of years when the possibility of mopping-up was used (mostly to purchase buildings by making advance payments against the annual lease payments), which suggests a better budget planning and discipline which is to be praised; encourages its administration to pursue this objective in the future *as well and to avoid, as far as possible, using the technique of mopping up*;

Amendment

31. Notes with satisfaction that for the first time in 2009 no mopping-up transfer took place at the end of the financial year, after a number of years when the possibility of mopping-up was used (mostly to purchase buildings by making advance payments against the annual lease payments), which suggests a better budget planning and discipline which is to be praised; encourages its administration to pursue this objective in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Notes that, currently, each Director-General (Authorising Officers by delegation) prepares his/her own Annual Activity Report, and that no overall Activity Report for the Institution as a

Amendment

33. Notes that, currently, each Director-General (Authorising Officers by delegation) prepares his/her own Annual Activity Report, and that no overall Activity Report for the Institution as a

whole is drafted and adopted; invites the Secretary-General to consider issuing a more readable, consolidated version (a summary) of the Annual Activity Reports, as is already the case with other institutions; takes the view that the report on budgetary and financial management is distinct from the suggested synthesis of annual activity reports;

whole is drafted and adopted; invites the Secretary-General to consider issuing a more readable, consolidated version (a summary) of the Annual Activity Reports, as is already the case with other institutions, *whilst making sure that the annexes of the reports are not scanned but uploaded in such a way as to permit computer searches*; takes the view that the report on budgetary and financial management is distinct from the suggested synthesis of annual activity reports;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Bart Staes, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Notes that, currently, each Director-General (Authorising Officers by delegation) prepares his/her own Annual Activity Report, and that no overall Activity Report for the Institution as a whole is drafted and adopted; invites the Secretary-General to consider issuing a more readable, consolidated version (a summary) of the Annual Activity Reports, as is already the case with other institutions; takes the view that the report on budgetary and financial management is distinct from the suggested synthesis of annual activity reports;

Amendment

33. Notes that, currently, each Director-General (Authorising Officers by delegation) prepares his/her own Annual Activity Report, and that no overall Activity Report for the Institution as a whole is drafted and adopted; invites the Secretary-General to consider issuing a more readable, consolidated version (a summary) of the Annual Activity Reports *for the 2010 discharge procedure*, as is already the case with other institutions; takes the view that the report on budgetary and financial management is distinct from the suggested synthesis of annual activity reports;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38a. Notes that finding out where the money under different budget headings is actually flowing or being used, demands great extra efforts on the part of Members and the public; , therefore, in order to increase transparency, proposes the creation of a user-friendly tool on the Internet showing money flows not only in figures, but also through lines of different sizes, reflecting those figures and making the necessary connections from one actor in the chain to another, at the various different levels of action, so that those money flows may be easily recognised and traced to as concrete a level of the usage of money as possible, whilst always taking into account the protection of privacy;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39a. Stresses that the value of procurement contracts amounts approximately to a third of Parliament's overall budget and that public procurement is the area most vulnerable to mismanagement, fraud and corruption; therefore repeats its request to regularly evaluate the procurement systems and in particular to perform internal controls of the contracts awarded in negotiated and restricted procedures;

Amendment 78
Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39b. Asks the Secretary-General to report whether the increase of the ceiling for low-value contracts from EUR 25 000 to EUR 60 000 in 2007 has facilitated access by small companies as intended without substantially weakening scrutiny of the procurement process; notes that these contracts made up only 0,76 % in value but 39,29 % in number of the total contracts awarded;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Bart Staes, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

41. Notes in particular the steady increase in 2009 (although at a slower pace than in 2008 as compared to 2007) in the number of exceptional negotiated procedures as shown in the following breakdown;

41. Notes in particular the steady increase in 2009 (although at a slower pace than in 2008 as compared to 2007) in the number of exceptional negotiated procedures as shown in the following breakdown;
expects that this trend will be substantially reversed in the coming years;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Notes that the audit of the Court of Auditors found the payments as a whole to be free from material error and the Court of Auditors found no material weaknesses when assessing the compliance of supervisory and control systems with the Financial Regulation;

Amendment

42. Notes that the audit of the Court of Auditors found the payments as a whole to be free from material error and the Court of Auditors found no material weaknesses when assessing the compliance of supervisory and control systems with the Financial Regulation; ***would welcome an indication of actual working hours spent by the Court of Auditors on controlling the account books of Parliament;***

Or. en

Amendment 81
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. Notes the finding of the Court of Auditors that, in five cases out of 20, documents providing evidence of compliance with the rules relating to the classification of staff as members of the temporary or of the contractual staff and to the fulfilment of linguistic, military and other obligations were not provided; takes note of the responses given by Parliament in the contradictory procedure with the Court of Auditors;

Amendment

43. Notes the finding of the Court of Auditors that, in five cases out of 20, documents providing evidence of compliance with the rules relating to the classification of staff as members of the temporary or of the contractual staff and to the fulfilment of linguistic, military and other obligations were not provided; takes note of the responses given by Parliament in the contradictory procedure with the Court of Auditors; ***requests information on the number of temporary staff that have been employed by Parliament for a period longer than the maximum period provided for (six years), and questions this practice in view of existing waiting lists of people who have taken and been successful in expensive EU competitions***

to fill these posts;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. Notes with satisfaction *the replies of Parliament's administration to the effect* that, in 2009, *a campaign was launched in order to verify whether the benefit of the household allowance to personnel not having dependent children was still justified* and *that it now proceeds to a regular* verification of the *situation of its staff* and that, from 2010, this verification was automated (through use of a 'fiche électronique') which makes at least an-annual verification of the staff personal and administrative data possible;

Amendment

45. Notes with satisfaction that, in 2009, *Parliament's administration has updated its information on* the household allowance to personnel not having dependent children and *consequently recovered EUR 75 583 of incorrect or undue payments; urges the administration to complete the* verification of *all the information on social allowances and the necessary recoveries; in this respect, welcomes,* that from 2010, this verification was automated (through use of a 'fiche électronique') which makes at least an-annual verification of the staff personal and administrative data possible;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Christel Schaldemose, Jens Geier, Bart Staes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Søren Bo Søndergaard, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Notes that Article 12(9) of the Parliament's Internal Rules for the implementation of the budget, adopted on 27 April 2005, provide that the Internal Auditor's area of competence does not include the appropriations from

Amendment

46. Notes that Article 12(9) of the Parliament's Internal Rules for the implementation of the budget, adopted on 27 April 2005, provide that the Internal Auditor's area of competence does not include the appropriations from

Parliament's budget managed by political groups; further notes that the specific rules on the use of those appropriations require each political group to establish its own internal financial rules and to implement an internal control system *but no mention is made of the internal audit function*;

Parliament's budget managed by political groups; further notes that the specific rules on the use of those appropriations require each political group to establish its own internal financial rules and to implement an internal control system;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Christel Schaldemose, Jens Geier, Bart Staes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Søren Bo Søndergaard, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

47. *Observes that only the rules of one out of seven political groups provide for the appointment of an internal auditor; agrees with the Court of Auditors that the functional independence of groups does not justify the non-application of regulatory provisions on the internal audit function*;

Amendment

47. *Stresses that all political groups have to have a yearly external audit and have to present an external audit certificate*;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Christel Schaldemose, Jens Geier, Bart Staes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Søren Bo Søndergaard, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

48. Stresses that it is the responsibility of the political groups to put in place their internal *audit* system and that this should not be the responsibility of Parliament's Internal Auditor and calls on the Bureau to *integrate, as a matter of priority, this*

Amendment

48. Stresses that it is the responsibility of the political groups to put in place their internal *control* system and that this should not be the responsibility of Parliament's Internal Auditor and calls on the Bureau to *consult* the political groups *on how further*

obligation in the rules following after consulting the political groups;

audit provisions can be developed;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

48a. Welcomes the fact that the calculation of the carry forward was made in the same manner as for the election year 2004, when the 50 % rule was applied for the aggregated figures for the two six-month periods;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

48b. Notes that all political groups have chosen to remunerate their secretaries general at AD 16; asks whether the differences in size of the respective groups- ranging from 265 to 30 Members- should not be reflected in a difference in grade for the respective secretaries general.

Or. en

Amendment 88

Bart Staes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 50

Motion for a resolution

50. Recalls its request, in its resolution of 5 May 2010, that the Secretary-General contact the other EU institutions in order to establish a central database for the studies that they are conducting *which is* also available for consultation by the wider public; encourages its Secretary-General to follow up on this request, in particular by proposing to the Commission that that institution establish such a central database; requests to be duly informed of this initiative;

Amendment

50. Recalls its request, in its resolution of 5 May 2010, that the Secretary-General contact the other EU institutions in order to establish a central database for the studies that they are conducting *and to make these studies* also available for consultation by the wider public; encourages its Secretary-General to follow up on this request, in particular by proposing to the Commission that that institution establish such a central database; requests to be duly informed of this initiative, *expects, in the meantime, that the studies conducted by Parliament are published in full on Parliament's website;*

Or. en

Amendment 89

Marta Andreassen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

51. Notes with satisfaction that the Secretary-General has sent letters reminding the Directors-General to implement the critical actions agreed between the Internal Auditor and their services;

Amendment

51. Notes with satisfaction that the Secretary-General has sent letters reminding the Directors-General to implement the critical actions agreed between the Internal Auditor and their services; *notes with concern that Directors-General apparently need to be reminded of the necessity to comply with the recommendations of the Internal Auditor;*

Or. en

Amendment 90
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

53. Welcomes the fact that, with effect from 1 September 2009, the Internal Audit Service has been attached, for administrative purposes, to the Secretary-General; notes with satisfaction that this important change is in line with the professional standards on the organisational independence of the Internal Audit Service and it enhances both the effectiveness of the internal audit activity and the perception of its independent and objective role by the audited departments;

Amendment

53. Welcomes the fact that, with effect from 1 September 2009, the Internal Audit Service has been attached, for administrative purposes, to the Secretary-General; notes with satisfaction that this important change is in line with the professional standards on the organisational independence of the Internal Audit Service and it enhances both the effectiveness of the internal audit activity and the perception of its independent and objective role by the audited departments; ***concludes that, although actual and perceived independence was then deemed to be of great importance, this was not the case for 2/3 of the year in respect of which the grant of the discharge was considered;***

Or. en

Amendment 91
Bart Staes, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55a. Is of the opinion that the internal audit reports should be made available, under specific conditions, to the Members of the Committee on Budgetary Control; urges the Chair of that committee to agree with the Secretary-General on those conditions;

Amendment 92
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

59. Notes the cost of measures to prevent a possible H1N1 influenza outbreak implemented between mid-September 2009 and the end of March 2010, amounting to some EUR 1 261 000;

Amendment

59. Notes the **high** cost of measures to prevent a possible H1N1 influenza outbreak implemented between mid-September 2009 and the end of March 2010, amounting to some EUR 1 261 000; ***stresses the need to evaluate the number of people who are likely to request the vaccine before purchasing vaccine in the future;***

Or. en

Amendment 93
Bart Staes, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Stresses the fundamental importance of specific knowledge management, in particular in the work of the committees, and the need for permanent and up-to-date knowledge in their fields of operation; recalls the high number of newly elected Members in recent parliamentary terms; asks the Bureau to reflect on the possibility of providing further specific information and training for Members;

Amendment

61. Stresses the fundamental importance of specific knowledge management, in particular in the work of the committees, and the need for permanent and up-to-date knowledge in their fields of operation; recalls the high number of newly elected Members in recent parliamentary terms; asks the Bureau to reflect on the possibility of providing further specific information and training for Members ***including specific measures for the new "Lisbon" Members and the future "observer" Members from Croatia;***

Or. en

Amendment 94
Bart Staes, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62

Motion for a resolution

62. Welcomes the establishment of a support system for the security of delegations outside the three places of work of which the main objective is to furnish Parliament's hierarchy with all the relevant information needed to provide assistance to delegation members in case of an emergency situation; points out the importance of the 24/7 Hotline, the post of Security Unit Duty Officer and appropriate security training and security briefings, as well as the creation of a future crisis cell;

Amendment

62. Welcomes the establishment of a support system for the security of delegations outside the three places of work of which the main objective is to furnish Parliament's hierarchy with all the relevant information needed to provide assistance to delegation members in case of an emergency situation; points out the importance of the 24/7 Hotline, the post of Security Unit Duty Officer and appropriate security training and security briefings, as well as the creation of a future crisis cell;
would like be informed on the total costs of this operation;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

63. Notes that the human resources available to DG Communication consisted of 722 posts as at 31 December 2009 and the final appropriations managed amounted to EUR 80 935 000; asks to review the number of posts and give a detailed explanation of the underlying need for these posts;

Amendment

63. Notes that the human resources available to DG Communication consisted of 722 posts as at 31 December 2009 and the final appropriations managed amounted to EUR 80 935 000; asks to review the number ***and location*** of posts and give a detailed explanation of the underlying need for these posts ***with analysis of the effect and results by DG Communication;***

Or. en

Amendment 96

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

63. Notes that the human resources available to DG Communication consisted of 722 posts as at 31 December 2009 and the final appropriations managed amounted to EUR 80 935 000; asks to review the number of posts and give a detailed explanation of the underlying need for these posts; ***recognises that it is a fact that one of the main tasks of DG Communication is to provide political neutral information to the wider public but wonders if it would be more effective in communication terms to shift resources and staff to more political oriented information;***

Or. en

Amendment 97

Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 63 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

63a. Questions whether the DG needs a 'Performance and Strategic Management Unit', as well as both a 'Policy Unit' and 'Resources Unit'; requests the Secretary General to review these structures and to consider whether the creation of such a unit could be seen as the start of a process of establishing large and unnecessary 'cabinets' for Directors General;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 63 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

63b. Notes that most heads of Parliament's information offices have written a joint letter questioning aspects of the budgetary management of the DG and asks the Secretary General to investigate the situation and to ascertain whether the creation of central units in the DG such as the 'Performance and Strategic Management' and 'Policy' Units are removing staff from frontline activities such as budgetary management with a cost in terms of the effectiveness of the DG;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 63 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

63c. Insists that budget line 3242 should not be used to hide costs related to specific activities such as the prizes and that all the associated costs (such as publicity materials, events, expenses related to journalists' visits, etc.) be clearly identified;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Marta Andreassen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

64. Deplores the *very long delay in the opening of the Visitors' Centre (originally foreseen for the 2009 European elections) and the poor planning and insufficient support in the start phase from the administration*; notes the opening date that is currently envisaged of October-November 2011; reiterates its request for a detailed explanation of the specific reasons for such a considerable delay and the precise increase in the cost of the project;

Amendment

64. Deplores the poor planning; notes the opening date that is currently envisaged of October-November 2011; reiterates its request for a detailed explanation of the specific reasons for such a considerable delay and the precise increase in the cost of the project;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Monica Luisa Macovei, Iliana Ivanova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

64. Deplores the very long delay in the opening of the Visitors' Centre (originally foreseen for the 2009 European elections) and the poor planning and insufficient support in the start phase from the administration; notes the opening date that is currently envisaged of October-November 2011; reiterates its request for a detailed explanation of the specific reasons for such a considerable delay and the precise increase in the cost of the project;

Amendment

64. Deplores the very long delay in the opening of the Visitors' Centre (originally foreseen for the 2009 European elections) and the poor planning and insufficient support in the start phase from the administration; notes the opening date that is currently envisaged of October-November 2011; reiterates its request for a detailed explanation of the specific reasons, *including a detailed analysis of the procurement procedures*, for such a considerable delay and the precise increase in the cost of the project;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

65. Stresses the need to ensure an easy link (a corridor) for visitors groups between the Visitors' Centre, the Hemicycle and the future House of European History; requests the Secretary-General to provide its Committee on Budgetary Control , by 30 September 2011, with concrete plans to realise such a link;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 103
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 104
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

House of European History

Or. en

Amendment 105

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 65 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65a. Regrets that decisions with regard to the House of European History were only taken by the Parliament's Bureau; calls for the inclusion of the relevant committees of Parliament for further decisions on the concept of the House of European History; encourages the discussion on the possibility to hold exhibitions at different locations across Europe in a first phase; asks for the development of a concept for the House of European History as a separate and independent legal body with the least possible impact on the Parliament's administrative budget;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Bart Staes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 65 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65a. Would like to be informed about the total cost of the House of European History and requests the Secretary

General to provide information on which measures will be taken to cope with the expected large increase of visitors for both projects in terms of parking space (busses, cars) and easy access to the Dalle;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65a. Would like to underline that for projects such as the House of European History, the Committees on Budgets and Budgetary Control should be duly consulted before the Bureau takes any irreversible decisions on them;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Marta Andreassen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66. Recalls its requests, expressed in its discharge resolution of 5 May 2010, that the costs of a sponsored group visit should always be reimbursed to the group leader by bank transfer and not in cash and that a study should be conducted by the Parliament to examine whether the flat rate system for the reimbursement of travel expenses borne by official visitor groups is adequate in view of their different departure points and destinations for their visits or whether the system of

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reimbursement of real costs, subject to a ceiling, would be more suitable for that type of group;

reimbursement of real costs, subject to a ceiling, would be more suitable for that type of group; ***this change towards a flat rate system should be reversed when it is proved to increase costs instead of saving them;***

Or. en

Amendment 109

Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. Deplores the fact that EuroparlTV cannot be considered to be a success story in view of its very low number of direct users (excluding viewers through partnership agreements with regional TVs) in spite of the considerable annual appropriations that it receives, amounting to some EUR 9 000 000;

Amendment

67. Deplores the fact that EuroparlTV cannot be considered to be a success story in view of its very low number of direct users (excluding viewers through partnership agreements with regional TVs) in spite of the considerable annual appropriations that it receives, amounting to some EUR 9 000 000; ***underlines the need for an Action Plan containing reasonable measures aimed at increasing the number of viewers;***

Or. en

Amendment 110

Cornelis de Jong, Søren Bo Søndergaard

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. Deplores the fact that EuroparlTV cannot be considered to be a success story in view of its very low number of direct users (excluding viewers through partnership agreements with regional TVs) in spite of the considerable annual

Amendment

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appropriations that it receives, amounting to some EUR 9 000 000;

appropriations that it receives, amounting to some EUR 9 000 000; ***requests an in-depth analysis of how to reach a broader audience, including a critical examination of the content, in order to transform EuroparlTV into a medium that will reach out to and inform the public objectively of politics in Parliament in a cost-efficient and attractive way;***

Or. en

Amendment 111
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. Deplores the fact that EuroparlTV cannot be considered to be a success story in view of its very low number of direct users (excluding viewers through partnership agreements with regional TVs) in spite of the considerable annual appropriations that it receives, amounting to some EUR 9 000 000;

Amendment

67. Deplores the fact that EuroparlTV cannot be considered to be a success story in view of its very low number of direct ***individual*** users (excluding viewers through partnership agreements with regional TVs) in spite of the considerable annual appropriations that it receives, amounting to some EUR 9 000 000;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. Deplores the fact that EuroparlTV cannot be considered to be a success story in view of its very low number of direct users (excluding viewers through partnership agreements with regional TVs) in spite of the considerable annual

Amendment

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appropriations that it receives, amounting to some EUR 9 000 000;

appropriations that it receives, amounting to some EUR 9 000 000; *therefore, calls for a cost-benefit evaluation of Europarl TV with a view to making savings in this area;*

Or. en

Amendment 113
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67a. Stresses that costs of this project, which represents so little added value can not be justified, requests the Secretary-General to come forward by the end of 2011 with an action plan reducing the subsidy by at least half;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

68. Observes that, in the last few years, Parliament has greatly increased the number of and the budget for its prizes; expresses doubts as to whether those prizes represent at their best Parliament's core competences and the tasks which stem from its legislative, budgetary and budgetary control prerogatives; calls on its Bureau to refrain from initiating the funding of new prizes;

68. Observes that, in the last few years, Parliament has greatly increased the number of and the budget for its prizes; expresses doubts as to whether those prizes represent at their best Parliament's core competences and the tasks which stem from its legislative, budgetary and budgetary control prerogatives; calls on its Bureau to refrain from initiating the funding of new prizes *and to prepare a review of existing prize schemes;*

Amendment 115
Cornelis de Jong, Søren Bo Søndergaard

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

68. Observes that, in the last few years, Parliament has greatly increased the number of and the budget for its prizes; ***expresses doubts as to whether those prizes represent at their best*** Parliament's core competences and the tasks which stem from its legislative, budgetary and budgetary control prerogatives; calls on its Bureau to refrain from initiating the funding of new prizes;

Amendment

68. Observes that, in the last few years, Parliament has greatly increased the number of and the budget for its prizes; ***does not consider the prizes to be part of*** Parliament's core competences and the tasks which stem from its legislative, budgetary and budgetary control prerogatives; calls on its Bureau to refrain from initiating the funding of new prizes;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

68. Observes that, in the last few years, Parliament has greatly increased the number of and the budget for its prizes; ***expresses*** doubts as to whether ***those*** prizes represent at their best Parliament's core competences and the tasks which stem from its legislative, budgetary and budgetary control prerogatives; calls on its Bureau to refrain from initiating the funding of new prizes;

Amendment

68. Observes that, in the last few years, Parliament has greatly increased the number of and the budget for its prizes; ***acknowledges the importance and positive effect of, for example, the Lux Prize, while expressing*** doubts as to whether prizes represent at their best Parliament's core competences and the tasks which stem from its legislative, budgetary and budgetary control prerogatives; calls on its Bureau to refrain from initiating the funding of new prizes;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

68. Observes that, in the last few years, Parliament has greatly increased the number of and the budget for its prizes; expresses doubts as to whether those prizes represent at their best Parliament's core competences and the tasks which stem from its legislative, budgetary and budgetary control prerogatives; calls on its Bureau to refrain from initiating the funding of new prizes;

Amendment

68. Observes that, in the last few years, Parliament has greatly increased the number of and the budget for its prizes; expresses doubts as to whether those prizes represent at their best Parliament's core competences and the tasks which stem from its legislative, budgetary and budgetary control prerogatives; calls on its Bureau to refrain from initiating the funding of new prizes, *and to examine the funds set aside for winners of these prizes;*

Or. en

Amendment 118

Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Deplores the fact that, in spite of its opinion, expressed in its resolution, that the Prize for Journalism is inappropriate, as Parliament should not award prizes to journalists whose task is critically to examine the EU institutions and their work, DG COMM has already launched the procedure for the 2011 prize;

Amendment

69. Deplores the fact that, in spite of its opinion, expressed in its resolution, that the Prize for Journalism is inappropriate, as Parliament should not award prizes to journalists whose task is critically to examine the EU institutions and their work, DG COMM has already launched the procedure for the 2011 prize; *deplores this example of politicians being overruled by officials ;*

Or. en

Amendment 119

Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Deplores the fact that, in spite of its opinion, expressed in its resolution, that the Prize for Journalism is inappropriate, as Parliament should not award prizes to journalists whose task is critically to examine the EU institutions and their work, DG COMM has already launched the procedure for the 2011 prize;

Amendment

69. Deplores the fact that, in spite of its opinion, expressed in its resolution, that the Prize for Journalism is inappropriate, as Parliament should not award prizes to journalists whose task is critically to examine the EU institutions and their work, DG COMM has already launched the procedure for the 2011 prize; ***calls for the prize for 2012 to be abolished;***

Or. en

Amendment 120

Ryszard Czarnecki, Andrea Češková, Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 69 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69a. Believes the Parliament, as a public institution, is not competent to judge the artistic merit of film productions; insists the LUX prize be discontinued in 2011;

Or. en

Amendment 121

Ryszard Czarnecki, Andrea Češková, Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 69 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69b. Notes that the direct costs of the LUX prize amount to in excess of EUR 300 000 and that indirect costs (travel to film

festivals, promotion etc) may well mean the prize costs much more; notes that after four years of operation fewer than one third of Members actually participate in the vote; further notes that voting participation varies dramatically across national delegations but appears to be significantly higher amongst Members from countries with a film on the shortlist;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Ryszard Czarnecki, Andrea Češková, Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 69 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69c. Opposes attempts to expand the prize by organising events in the member states which would imply substantially increased costs relating to publicity and promotion, venues and translation;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 70

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

70. Notes with concern the overall decline in turnout in the 2009 European Elections to 43,2%, in spite if the considerable efforts made to reinforce Parliament's institutional election campaign which cost some EUR 5 676 000;

70. Notes with concern the overall decline in turnout in the 2009 European Elections to 43.2%, in spite if the considerable efforts made to reinforce Parliament's institutional election campaign which cost some EUR 5 676 000; *notes that this percentage includes non-valid and blank votes, and that the percentage of valid*

non-blank votes was therefore even lower than 43.2%;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Søren Bo Søndergaard

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 70

Motion for a resolution

70. Notes with concern the overall decline in turnout in the 2009 European Elections to 43,2%, in spite if the considerable efforts made to reinforce Parliament's institutional election campaign which cost some EUR 5 676 000;

Amendment

70. Notes with concern the overall decline in turnout in the 2009 European Elections to 43,2%, in spite if the considerable efforts made to reinforce Parliament's institutional election campaign which cost some EUR 5 676 000; ***deplores the fact that Parliament's election campaign was rendered totally partial by its glorification of the current policy of the Union; is of the opinion that such a campaign should be absolutely neutral;***

Or. en

Amendment 125
Cornelis de Jong, Søren Bo Søndergaard

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71

Motion for a resolution

71. Notes that the total cost of setting-up the European Parliament Congressional Liaison Office in Washington in 2009 and 2010 is estimated to be some USD 400 000 annually as a result of an administrative arrangement with the Commission; notes that setting up the Office has not entailed the creation of any new posts, the postings being the result of redeployments, long-term missions and a system of one-year

Amendment

71. Notes that the total cost of setting-up the European Parliament Congressional Liaison Office in Washington in 2009 and 2010 is estimated to be some USD 400 000 annually as a result of an administrative arrangement with the Commission; notes that setting up the Office has not entailed the creation of any new posts, the postings being the result of redeployments, long-term missions and a system of one-year

missions; is concerned about the possible future cost and requests that its competent committees be informed regularly about any future plan having significant financial implication concerning this Office;

missions; is concerned about the possible future cost and requests that its competent committees be informed regularly *and duly* about any future plan having significant financial implication concerning this Office;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71

Motion for a resolution

71. Notes that the total cost of setting-up the European Parliament Congressional Liaison Office in Washington in 2009 and 2010 is estimated to be some USD 400 000 annually as a result of an administrative arrangement with the Commission; notes that setting up the Office has not entailed the creation of any new posts, the postings being the result of redeployments, long-term missions and a system of one-year missions; is concerned about the possible future cost and requests that its competent committees be informed regularly about any future plan having significant financial implication concerning this Office;

Amendment

71. Notes that the total cost of setting-up the European Parliament Congressional Liaison Office in Washington in 2009 and 2010 is estimated to be some USD 400 000 annually as a result of an administrative arrangement with the Commission; notes that setting up the Office has not entailed the creation of any new posts, the postings being the result of redeployments, long-term missions and a system of one-year missions; is concerned about the possible future cost and requests that its competent committees be informed regularly about any future plan having significant financial implication concerning this Office;
questions in particular the use of one-year missions for senior staff who are sent to faraway places because no suitable jobs can be found for them in Brussels;

Or. en

Amendment 127
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 74

Motion for a resolution

74. Deplores the fact that the employment of family members as assistants is still permitted under the derogations to the Members' Statute adopted by the Bureau at its meeting of 23 November 2009;

Amendment

74. Deplores the fact that the employment of family members as assistants is still permitted under the derogations to the Members' Statute adopted by the Bureau at its meeting of 23 November 2009, ***requests the Secretary General to consider whether there should be specific rules preventing Members employing each others family members as assistants;***

Or. en

Amendment 128
Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 74

Motion for a resolution

74. Deplores the fact that the employment of family members as assistants is still permitted under the derogations to the Members' Statute adopted by the Bureau at its meeting of 23 November 2009;

Amendment

74. Deplores the fact that the employment of family members as assistants is still permitted under the derogations to the Members' Statute adopted by the Bureau at its meeting of 23 November 2009; ***urges the administration to scrupulously assess the justification for the remaining cases of such employment;***

Or. en

Amendment 129
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 74 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

74a. Notes the significant presence of nationals from one particular Member State (13.5%, the highest for any

nationality) in Parliament's General Secretariat; reminds that the General Secretariat shall serve Members from all Member States equally and that the staffing ought to reflect this better;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 75

Motion for a resolution

75. Stresses the need to further rationalise the missions between the three working places, justifying and monitoring them better in order to avoid unnecessary missions and costs;

Amendment

75. Stresses the need to further rationalise the missions between the three working places, justifying and monitoring them better in order to avoid unnecessary missions and costs, *asks the Secretary General to report, as part of the discharge procedure, on the total amount of savings that were made as a result of further rationalisation;*

Or. en

Amendment 131
Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 75

Motion for a resolution

75. Stresses the need to further rationalise the missions between the three working places, justifying and monitoring them better in order to avoid unnecessary missions and costs;

Amendment

75. Stresses the need to further rationalise the missions between the three working places, justifying and monitoring them better in order to avoid unnecessary missions and costs, *and in particular to take account of the forthcoming results of the Internal Audit Service's controls in the area of parliamentary assistance;*

Amendment 132
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 77 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

77a. Calls on its Bureau to review the rules for the users of dedicated service cars, so as to end the current practice in which these cars are shuttled empty over long distances for the mere purpose of serving for short distance missions (from airports to final destinations in the city and back again); highlights the cost incurred by such practices; urges its Bureau to find less costly alternatives in order to provide the taxpayer with the best value for money;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Bart Staes, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

78. Is of the opinion that **facilities within Parliament's buildings which** are not required in connection with the Institution's activities must be economically self-supporting and should not be financed with subsidies from Parliament's budget; any exceptions for imputed costs must be shown separately;

78. Is of the opinion that **services which** are not required in connection with the Institution's activities **but which are provided within Parliament's buildings by profit-orientated companies** must be economically self-supporting and should not be financed **directly or indirectly** with subsidies from Parliament's budget, any exceptions for imputed costs must be shown separately **in the budget and be duly motivated;**

Amendment 134
Søren Bo Søndergaard

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78

Motion for a resolution

78. Is of the opinion that facilities within Parliament's buildings which are not required in connection with the Institution's activities must be economically self-supporting and should not be financed with subsidies from Parliament's budget; any exceptions for imputed costs must be shown separately;

Amendment

78. Is of the opinion that facilities within Parliament's buildings which are not required in connection with the Institution's activities must be economically self-supporting and should not be financed with subsidies from Parliament's budget; any exceptions for imputed costs must be shown separately; ***is concerned about the worsening working conditions and of the bad system of remuneration of the employees in these facilities; considers it important that the situation of the employees is prioritised in calls for tenders in this area;***

Amendment 135
Ryszard Czarnecki, Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

78a. Believes that, with such a wide variety of locations available within the buildings of Parliament for canteens, bars, and retail space, a variety of competitive catering outlets, including established high street brands (coffee shops, sandwich outlets, restaurants, and so forth), could, if allowed to establish themselves inside Parliament, offer a better service to staff; calls for a plan to be prepared to indicate how the different

Amendment

catering facilities, could be offered for tender separately when current contractual arrangements come to an end;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 81

Motion for a resolution

81. Considers that the externalisation of translation can result in important cost savings, efforts should, however, be made to increase the quality of external translations; supports the increasing use of the Euramis database, common to all EU institutions, and other technological developments in the field of translation (such as a single integrated system of DocEP and Euramis/translation memories) which aim to avoid double translations and to lower the cost of translation; stresses, however, that no machine translation system can totally replace translators;

Amendment

81. Considers that the externalisation of translation can result in important cost savings, efforts should, however, be made to increase the quality of external translations; supports the increasing use of the Euramis database, common to all EU institutions, and other technological developments in the field of translation (such as a single integrated system of DocEP and Euramis/translation memories *already used by the translators of the Council's secretariat*) which aim to avoid double translations and to lower the cost of translation; stresses, however, that no machine translation system can totally replace translators;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Esther de Lange, Ville Itälä

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

82a. Expresses its great appreciation of the high quality of the Parliament's interpretation services, but regrets

situations in which interpretation into certain languages is offered without being used; stresses the need for measures to decrease the costs of unneeded interpretation at meetings and therefore requests the development and urgent implementation of a system, which avoids the availability of interpretation into languages that are in practice not spoken at a given meeting;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Esther de Lange, Ville Itälä

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

82b. Suggests that such a system could, for example, provide that during working group meetings interpretation into the six largest official languages (FR, DE, EN, PL, ES, IT) will automatically be available, while interpretation into any other official language will only be available at the request of a Member by specific notification of his/her presence in advance, thus guaranteeing the right of Member to speak their own language should they wish to do so, while avoiding unneeded interpretation and unnecessary costs;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 83 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

83a. Takes the view that the services and procedures of DG Finance should be simplified and streamlined in order to speed up the handling of invoices from local assistants based in Member States and to reduce queues and bureaucratic procedures; takes the view that DG Finance should provide quicker electronic information to Members concerning remaining available funds; furthermore takes the view that DG Finance should organise training courses for the staff of Members regarding the procedures; for these purposes DG Finance should elaborate an action plan by 30 September 2011 at the latest;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

86. Notes that Parliament has a contract with only one travel agency and sees a certain risk that such a monopolistic situation might prevent Members and Parliament obtaining the best available prices;

86. Notes that Parliament has a contract with only one travel agency and sees a certain risk that such a monopolistic situation might prevent Members and Parliament obtaining the best available prices; ***requires an examination of the travel agency's ways of obtaining the tickets that are being offered to Members and assistants on official missions or to Members travelling between the work places, notes that tickets offered are not always the cheapest on the market for a specific class of ticket;***

Or. en

Amendment 141
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution

86. Notes that Parliament has a contract with only one travel agency and sees a certain risk that such a monopolistic situation might prevent Members and Parliament obtaining the best available prices;

Amendment

86. Notes that Parliament has a contract with only one travel agency and sees a certain risk that such a monopolistic situation might prevent Members and Parliament obtaining the best available prices, *as has been observed on many occasions through simple internet searches*;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Bart Staes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution

86. Notes that Parliament has a contract with only one travel agency and sees a certain risk that such a monopolistic situation might prevent Members and Parliament obtaining the best available prices;

Amendment

86. Notes that Parliament has a contract with only one travel agency and sees a certain risk that such a monopolistic situation might prevent Members and Parliament obtaining the best available prices; *requires that in future contracts incentives be included to guarantee the lowest price for tickets*;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution

86. Notes that Parliament has a contract with only one travel agency and sees a certain risk that such a monopolistic situation might prevent Members and Parliament obtaining the best available prices;

Amendment

86. Notes that Parliament has a contract with only one travel agency and sees a certain risk that such a monopolistic situation might prevent Members and Parliament obtaining the best available prices; ***asks DG Finance to report on the development of prices charged by the new contractor as well as on complaints in connection to the transition from Carlsonwagonlit to BCD in its activity report for 2010; does not agree with the staff increase and additional payments of EUR 34 000 for 2010 shortly after the conclusion of the contract in December 2009; requires that, in future contracts, incentives be included to guarantee the lowest price for tickets;***

Or. en

Amendment 144

Bart Staes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Monica Luisa Macovei

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

86a. Calls on the Secretary General to commission a study on reducing travel cost for Members and staff exploring, for example, the possibility of annual block bookings with airline companies instead of individual bookings and purchase of tickets or using tendering procedures for annual flight contracts; furthermore, calls for a system to be developed to use the collected airmiles on flights reimbursed by Parliament to further reduce costs;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Marta Andreassen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 91 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

91a. Underlines the low level of transparency the table on annual appropriations offers and asks for more precise figures;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Bart Staes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 95

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

95. Stresses, moreover, the need for the parties and foundations to have a system of standard external auditing instead of the current free choice in the appointment of external auditors, as well as the need for the Parliament's administration to strictly apply accounting rules in particular on contributions in kind, carry-overs and reserves;

95. Stresses, moreover, the need for the parties and foundations to have a system of standard external auditing instead of the current free choice in the appointment of external auditors, as well as the need for the Parliament's administration to strictly apply accounting rules in particular on contributions in kind, carry-overs and reserves; ***welcomes, therefore, the recent decision by the Bureau that an external auditor for the parties and the foundation will be provided and paid for by Parliament;***

Or. en

Amendment 147
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 98

Motion for a resolution

98. Takes the view that the Secretary-General should provide the Committee on Budgetary Control with a note clarifying Parliament's role in the management and supervision of the Fund's assets; recalls that according to Pension Funds estimates, even after the implementation of the restrictive measures adopted in 2009 regarding the payment of entitlements, it will incur a considerable actuarial deficit and the Fund will exhaust its assets between 2020 and 2025;

Amendment

98. Takes the view that the Secretary-General should provide the Committee on Budgetary Control with a note clarifying Parliament's role in the management and supervision of the Fund's assets; recalls that according to Pension Funds estimates, even after the implementation of the restrictive measures adopted in 2009 regarding the payment of entitlements, it will incur a considerable actuarial deficit and the Fund will exhaust its assets between 2020 and 2025; ***takes the view that this deficit should not be paid with tax payers' money, but by the Fund itself;***

Or. en

Amendment 148
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 99

Motion for a resolution

99. Stresses that real savings could be achieved if Parliament only had one *seat*; indeed, in the report of the Secretary-General on Parliament's preliminary draft estimates for 2011, the estimated annual cost arising from the geographical dispersion of Parliament has been estimated at around EUR 160 000 000, accounting for about 9% of Parliament's total budget; draws the attention to the fact that currently the decision to change this situation - and to make some EUR 160 000 000 of savings annually as well as to considerably lessen Parliament's carbon footprint - lies exclusively with the European Council (Member States);

Amendment

99. Stresses that real savings could be achieved if Parliament only had one ***workplace in the same location as the other Union institutions***; indeed, in the report of the Secretary-General on Parliament's preliminary draft estimates for 2011, the estimated annual cost arising from the geographical dispersion of Parliament has been estimated at around EUR 160 000 000, accounting for about 9% of Parliament's total budget; draws the attention to the fact that currently the decision to change this situation - and to make some EUR 160 000 000 of savings annually as well as to considerably lessen Parliament's carbon footprint - lies exclusively with the European Council (Member States); ***calls on the President of the European Parliament and on the***

Members who are negotiating the Union budget on behalf of the Parliament, to suggest to the European Council that they make it possible for the Union to make these savings.

Or. en

Amendment 149
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 99

Motion for a resolution

99. Stresses that real savings could be achieved if Parliament only had one seat; indeed, in the report of the Secretary-General on Parliament's preliminary draft estimates for 2011, the estimated annual cost arising from the geographical dispersion of Parliament has been estimated at around EUR 160 000 000, accounting for about 9% of Parliament's total budget; draws the attention to the fact that currently the decision to change this situation - and to make some EUR 160 000 000 of savings annually as well as to considerably lessen Parliament's carbon footprint - lies exclusively with *the European Council* (Member States);

Amendment

99. Stresses that real savings could be achieved if Parliament only had one seat; indeed, in the report of the Secretary-General on Parliament's preliminary draft estimates for 2011, the estimated annual cost arising from the geographical dispersion of Parliament has been estimated at around EUR 160 000 000, accounting for about 9% of Parliament's total budget; draws the attention to the fact that currently the decision to change this situation - and to make some EUR 160 000 000 of savings annually as well as to considerably lessen Parliament's carbon footprint - lies exclusively with Member States; *in view of the European Council's desire to restrict future budgets, calls on them to release these savings;*

Or. en

Amendment 150
Véronique Mathieu, Jean-Pierre Audy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 99

Motion for a resolution

99. **souligne** que des économies *réelles* pourraient être réalisées si le Parlement disposait d'un seul *siège*; de fait, dans le rapport du Secrétaire général sur l'avant-projet d'état prévisionnel pour l'exercice 2011, le coût annuel découlant de la dispersion géographique du Parlement est estimé à quelque 160 000 000 EUR, **soit 9 % du budget total du Parlement; attire l'attention sur le fait que, pour l'heure, la décision de modifier cette situation - et de réaliser quelque 160 000 000 EUR d'économies par an tout en réduisant considérablement l'empreinte carbone du Parlement - relève exclusivement du Conseil européen (les États membres);**

Amendment

99. **rappelle l'article unique, point a), du protocole (n°6) au traité sur le fonctionnement de l'Union européenne, selon lequel "Le Parlement européen a son siège à Strasbourg, où se tiennent les douze périodes de sessions plénières mensuelles, y compris la session budgétaire. Les périodes de sessions plénières additionnelles se tiennent à Bruxelles. Les commissions du Parlement européen siègent à Bruxelles. Le secrétariat général du Parlement européen et ses services restent installés à Luxembourg"; observe néanmoins** que des économies pourraient être réalisées si le Parlement disposait d'un seul *lieu de travail*; de fait, dans le rapport du Secrétaire général sur l'avant-projet d'état prévisionnel pour l'exercice 2011, le coût annuel découlant de la dispersion géographique du Parlement est estimé à quelque 160 000 000 EUR;

Or. fr

Amendment 151

Monica Luisa Macovei, Iliana Ivanova

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 99**

Motion for a resolution

99. **Stresses** that real savings could be achieved if Parliament only had one seat; indeed, in the report of the Secretary-General on Parliament's preliminary draft estimates for 2011, the estimated annual cost arising from the geographical dispersion of Parliament has been estimated at around EUR 160 000 000, accounting for about 9% of Parliament's total budget; draws the attention to the fact that currently the decision to change this

Amendment

99. **Takes note of the budgetary constraints many Member States face as a result of the financial and economic crisis and the need to critically review potential savings at all levels including at Union level; in light of this situation, stresses** that real savings could be achieved if Parliament only had one seat; indeed, in the report of the Secretary-General on Parliament's preliminary draft estimates for 2011, the estimated annual cost arising

situation - and to make some EUR 160 000 000 of savings annually as well as to considerably lessen Parliament's carbon footprint - lies exclusively with the European Council (Member States);

from the geographical dispersion of Parliament has been estimated at around EUR 160 000 000, accounting for about 9% of Parliament's total budget; draws the attention to the fact that currently the decision to change this situation - and to make some EUR 160 000 000 of savings annually as well as to considerably lessen Parliament's carbon footprint - lies exclusively with the European Council (Member States);

Or. en

Amendment 152
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Bart Staes, Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 101 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

101a. Asks the administration to speed up actions to radically reduce the consumption of paper in the House; takes the view that the full use of electronic devices is key to avoiding the more than 1000 tons of paper waste every year; further takes the view that Members should be given the opportunity to indicate that they do not need printed documents;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 101 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

101b. Considers that the staff of the EMAS section should be urgently

increased and that they must enjoy full independence in the performance of their duties;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Bart Staes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 101 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

101c. Considers that transport emissions contribute the largest share of Parliament's carbon footprint, which, according to its CO₂ action plan, it intends to reduce by 30% by 2020; urges therefore that adequate measures be taken to reduce the carbon footprint; welcomes a study on offsetting in this respect; calls on the responsible Parliament services to systematically provide information about emissions caused by different modes of transport when making travel reservations;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 101 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

101d. Welcomes the proposal to install tap-water fountains in all Parliament meeting rooms and thus saving resources, as adopted by the Bureau in the CO₂ Action plan in February 2009;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Bart Staes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 101 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

101e. Invites the responsible Parliament services to present measures to increase the energy efficiency of Parliament's buildings, especially concerning the retrofitting of glass surfaces and bridges;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 102

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

102. Encourages Parliament's administration to replace official cars with environmentally friendly vehicles by constantly modernising its fleet with less polluting cars and organising grouped transport with VIP minibuses to airports in Brussels and Strasbourg in order to reduce Parliament's carbon footprint;

102. Encourages Parliament's administration to replace official cars with environmentally friendly vehicles by constantly modernising its fleet with less polluting cars and organising grouped transport with VIP minibuses to airports in Brussels and Strasbourg in order to reduce Parliament's carbon footprint; ***reiterates its request, expressed in its resolution on discharge for 2008, that Parliament establish its own bicycle service in Strasbourg; strongly urges that this be realized by September 2011; observes that, as a consequence of the improved bicycle service, the fleet of cars could be smaller;***

Or. en

Amendment 158
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 102

Motion for a resolution

102. Encourages Parliament's administration to replace official cars with environmentally friendly vehicles by constantly modernising its fleet with less polluting cars and organising grouped transport with VIP minibuses to airports in Brussels and Strasbourg in order to reduce Parliament's carbon footprint;

Amendment

102. Encourages Parliament's administration to replace official cars with environmentally friendly vehicles by constantly modernising its fleet with less polluting cars and organising grouped transport with VIP minibuses to airports in Brussels and Strasbourg in order to reduce Parliament's carbon footprint; *suggests purchasing bicycles which can be used by Members in Strasbourg in order to make it easier for Members to select a more environment friendly means of transport, leading to a reduction in the use of the official Members' cars in the long run;*

Or. en

Amendment 159
Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 102 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

102a. Encourages, within the context of a sustainable Parliament, the use of the charter train from Brussels to Strasbourg for plenary sessions; is concerned about the increasing use of other means of transport by accredited assistants who can not obtain a ticket for the charter train; states that Members, parliament officials and accredited assistants should have priority over external customers in obtaining tickets for the charter train;

Or. en

Amendment 160
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Bart Staes, Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 103 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

103a. Requests the Bureau to decide, as soon as possible, that all flights booked in respect of travel for Members, staff and assistants will be automatically subject to CO₂ compensation;

Or. en

Amendment 161
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 103 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

103b. Suggests that accumulated airmiles obtained through work related travel, be used to purchase tickets in order to reduce the significant travel costs of the House;

Or. en

Amendment 162
Christel Schaldemose, Bart Staes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 104

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

104. Takes the view that the higher fees paid by Members for transport on school buses represent a form of discrimination against Members as compared to EU officials and that they are therefore not

deleted

*acceptable; calls on the Council to modify
the rules in order to bring to an end this
discrimination;*

Or. en