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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Véronique De Keyser
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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2009, Section III – Commission (SEC(2010)0963 – C7-0211/2010 – 2010/2142(DEC))

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Amendment 1
Monica Luisa Macovei

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that, in the Court of Auditors report on the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2009, the Court states that ‘the payments for the year ended 31 December 2009 for External aid, Development and Enlargement were affected by material error *and* that the errors *concern* eligibility and irregularities in procurement procedures;

Amendment

1. Notes that, in the Court of Auditors report on the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2009, the Court states that ‘the payments for the year ended 31 December 2009 for External aid, Development and Enlargement were affected by material error’; ***is concerned about the fact*** that the errors ***are related to*** eligibility and irregularities in procurement procedures, ***which are the areas most vulnerable to mismanagement and fraud***;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Sabine Lösing

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Reiterates that the Union budget needs to be committed to a peaceful and civil foreign policy in line with international law to ensure that the European Union becomes a nonviolent player in the world and acts as a mediator which seeks only civil and peaceful solutions to conflicts, and that the Union budget therefore needs to fund pressing political priorities such as poverty eradication, sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals, arms-control, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty regime and nuclear disarmament, peaceful resolution of conflicts, favouring

balanced economic relations, fair trade and fair distribution of the world resources and wealth to ensure stability and prosperity in the EU and the world;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Sabine Lösing

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Notes that EU action under the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) in problem situations (fragile States, post-conflict scenarios, weakness of governments during transition to democracy) is never risk free, and that in very exceptional circumstances the error margin could be tolerated when this is justified by the political will to promote stability, democracy and the primacy of the law;

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Or. fr

Amendment 4
Monica Luisa Macovei

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Welcomes the fact that the Commission has spent EUR 396 000 000 between 2007 and 2010 to support accession candidate countries in their efforts to improve judicial systems and the fight against corruption as well as the progress made in this regard;

nevertheless cautions against being too optimistic and asks the Commission to provide evidence that this money was spent efficiently and state whether improved control structures actually lead to increased sanctions against corrupt actors, including in high-profile cases, whether laws are fully implemented and whether reforms are sustained;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Monica Luisa Macovei

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Takes note of the increasing use of joint management in the Food Facility and invites DG ECHO to report on its experience with the implementation of the Food Facility in its annual activity report for 2010;

Or. en