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AMENDMENTS

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Amendment 1
Alexander Alvaro

Draft opinion
Recital A

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A. whereas the European Schools are financed *principally* by contributions from the Member States, amounting to 21% of the schools' total budget, and a balancing contribution from the European Union, which in 2010 comprised around 58% of the total,

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Lucas Hartong

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the European Schools *are* financed principally by contributions from the Member States, amounting to 21% of the schools' total budget, and a balancing contribution from the European Union, which in 2010 comprised around 58% of the total,

Amendment

A. whereas the European Schools *have hitherto been* financed principally by contributions from the Member States, amounting to 21% of the schools' total budget, and a balancing contribution from the European Union, which in 2010 comprised around 58% of the total,

Or. nl

Amendment 3
Lucas Hartong

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas **the main** aim of the 2009 reform of the European Schools was to open them up to a wider and more diverse intake, while at the same time ensuring the system's long-term viability,

Amendment

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Or. nl

Amendment 4
Sidonia Elżbieta Jędrzejewska

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas the increase in the number of European Schools' pupils is a direct consequence of the post-2004 EU institutions' recruitment policy, which resulted in employing staff below the age of 30, in the meantime those young officials have established families and subsequently enrolled their children in European Schools,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Lucas Hartong

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Reaffirms that the European Schools must be financed ***on a sound and adequate basis so that the commitments made in the Convention and in the Staff Regulations of Officials and Conditions of***

1. Reaffirms that the European Schools must ***no longer*** be financed ***by the EU, because there are perfectly good state and international schools in Belgium which the children of officials can attend, and***

Employment of Other Servants of the European Union can be fulfilled and the quality of the education provided can be guaranteed, and notes, in this regard, the recent petition by the parents' and teachers' associations of the Brussels European Schools opposing any budget cuts;

expressly rejects, in this regard, the recent petition by the parents' and teachers' associations of the Brussels European Schools opposing any budget cuts;

Or. nl

Amendment 6
Zigmantas Balčytis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Reaffirms that the European Schools must be financed on a sound and adequate basis so that the commitments made in the Convention and in the Staff Regulations of Officials and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union can be fulfilled and the quality of the education provided can be guaranteed, and notes, in this regard, the recent petition by the parents' and teachers' associations of the Brussels European Schools opposing any budget cuts;

Amendment

1. Reaffirms that the European Schools must be financed on a sound and adequate basis so that the commitments made in the Convention and in the Staff Regulations of Officials and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union can be fulfilled and the quality of the education provided ***as well as equal and equivalent teaching conditions for children of all language communities of the European Schools*** can be guaranteed, and notes, in this regard, the recent petition by the parents' and teachers' associations of the Brussels European Schools opposing any budget cuts;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Alexander Alvaro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Reaffirms that the European Schools must be financed on a sound and adequate basis so that the commitments made in the Convention and in the Staff Regulations of Officials and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union can be fulfilled and the quality of the education provided can be guaranteed, **and notes**, in this regard, the recent petition by the parents' and teachers' associations of the Brussels European Schools opposing any budget cuts;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 8

Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that, in the short term, the European Union's commitments should be honoured, while, at the same time, account should be taken of the prevailing climate of budgetary restrictions at both Union and Member State level; notes that the 2012 draft budget provides for a 1.7% increase in funding for the European Schools, at a time when budgetary difficulties have led the Commission to propose a freeze on its own administrative expenditure and a 1.3% increase in administrative expenditure for the European institutions generally; undertakes to scrutinise the appropriations on the budget lines in question;

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Amendment 9
Lucas Hartong

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that, in the short term, the European Union's commitments should be ***honoured, while, at the same time,*** account ***should be taken*** of the prevailing climate of budgetary restrictions at both Union and Member State level; ***notes that*** the 2012 draft budget ***provides*** for a 1.7% increase in funding for the European Schools, ***at a time when budgetary difficulties have led the Commission to propose a freeze on its own administrative expenditure and a 1.3% increase in administrative expenditure for the European institutions generally; undertakes to scrutinise the appropriations on the budget lines in question;***

Amendment

2. Considers that, in the short term, the European Union's commitments should be ***reduced, thus taking*** account of the prevailing climate of budgetary restrictions at both Union and Member State level; ***therefore rejects the provision in*** the 2012 draft budget for a 1.7% increase in funding for the European Schools;

Amendment 10
Alexander Alvaro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 11
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Notes that, owing to the failure of Member States to fulfil their obligations to second teachers, the Commission has been forced to increase the Community contribution, and this in an extremely difficult economic climate, and believes that Member States which do not contribute financially through the secondment of teachers should make an equivalent financial contribution to the schools' budget;

Or. ro

Amendment 12
Lucas Hartong

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Emphasises the long-term importance of making the European Union's

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financial contribution more transparent and doing more to guarantee openness and diversity in the schools; calls on the Commission, in this context, to specify how much of the special levy applied since 2004 has been used for the European Schools, and for what purposes; asks the Commission to submit to it an update on implementation of the 2009 reform and on the financing requirements for the coming years, especially in respect of the buildings policy;

Or. nl

Amendment 13
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Emphasises the long-term importance of making the European Union's financial contribution more transparent and doing more to guarantee openness and diversity in the schools; *calls on the Commission, in this context, to specify how much of the special levy applied since 2004 has been used for the European Schools, and for what purposes*; asks the Commission to submit to it an update on implementation of the 2009 reform and on the financing requirements for the coming years, especially in respect of the buildings policy;

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3. Emphasises the long-term importance of making the European Union's financial contribution more transparent and doing more to guarantee openness and diversity in the schools, *while also introducing a sustainable financing system*; asks the Commission to submit to it an update on implementation of the 2009 reform and on the financing requirements for the coming years, especially in respect of the buildings policy;

Or. ro

Amendment 14
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Notes that the method of financing the European Schools can create problems for some Member States whose financial contribution through the secondment of teachers is disproportionate to the number of students enrolled from that Member State; considers it necessary, therefore, to review the way in which the schools are financed and in which teachers are recruited;

Or. ro

Amendment 15
Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Takes the view that giving each of the European Schools a greater degree of budgetary autonomy may be an effective way of improving the management of the resources allocated to them.

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Or. it

Amendment 16
Lucas Hartong

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Takes the view that giving each of the European Schools a greater degree of budgetary autonomy ***may be an effective way of improving the management of the resources allocated to them.***

Amendment

4. Takes the view, ***with that in mind***, that ***there can be no question of*** giving each of the European Schools a greater degree of budgetary autonomy;

Or. nl