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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 7**

**Draft opinion**  
**Silvana Koch-Mehrin**  
(PE466.960v02-00)

on Parliament's position on the 2012 Draft Budget as modified by the Council  
– All sections  
(2011/2020(BUD))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Juozas Imbrasas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Considers that the budgetary resources requested by the European Ombudsman will enable him to meet the obligations under his Statute, the implementing provisions and the co-operation agreements and will allow him to perform his tasks effectively;

*Amendment*

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Or. It

**Amendment 2**  
**Juozas Imbrasas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes with satisfaction that the increase in the Ombudsman's budget estimates for 2012 is limited to 0.47% (+ EUR 44,605) and that the Ombudsman does not request any new posts;

*Amendment*

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*Ombudsman has endeavoured, as far as possible, to limit budget increases;*

Or. It

**Amendment 3**  
**Juozas Imbrasas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Commends the Ombudsman for exercising restraint in his budget estimates and showing solidarity with his partners in the Member States; takes note of the Ombudsman's intention to exercise the maximum possible level of restraint in future budgets;

*Amendment*

3. Commends the Ombudsman for exercising restraint in his budget estimates and showing solidarity with his partners in the Member States; takes note of the Ombudsman's intention to exercise the maximum possible level of restraint in future budgets; *welcomes the restraint exercised by the Ombudsman and the solidarity he has shown with his national and regional counterparts who, as a result of the current financial and economic crisis, are facing budgetary difficulties;*

Or. It

**Amendment 4**  
**Rolandas Paksas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Notes with satisfaction that the Ombudsman continues his policy of multiannual planning, systematically scrutinising budget lines and redeploying means with a view to generating savings;

*Amendment*

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*from 23 to 16; urges the other EU institutions to follow the Ombudsman's best practice by applying this method;*

Or. It

**Amendment 5**  
**Juozas Imbrasas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

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Or. It

**Amendment 6**  
**Philippe Boulland**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

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courses;

*courses for people linked to the institution in order to make them more efficient and to harmonise the aims of the institution;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 7**  
**Victor Boștinaru**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*8a. Encourages the Ombudsman to continue the good cooperation with the Committee on Petitions as well as with SOLVIT and the national ombudsmen with a view to sending complaints that do not fall within his remit rapidly and efficiently to the appropriate authority so as to best defend the rights of European citizens;*

Or. fr