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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 9**

**Draft opinion**

**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**  
(PE500.612v01-00)

discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011, Section III – Commission (2012/2167(DEC))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Anneli Jäätteenmäki**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

1. *Notes* the Court of Auditors' finding that payments for the 2011 financial year are free from material error under heading 4 of the budget, but that interim and final payments are affected by material error;

*Amendment*

1. *Stresses that the Union's resources must be managed in line with the principles of transparency and good governance; notes* the Court of Auditors' finding that payments for the 2011 financial year are free from material error under heading 4 of the budget, but that interim and final payments are affected by material error; *further notes that not all errors were quantifiable;*

Or. fi

**Amendment 2**  
**Anneli Jäätteenmäki**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*1 a. Notes that the Court of Auditors draws the Commission's attention to the limited scope of the measures it employs in its own controls; urges the Commission to strengthen controls in line with the recommendations of the Court of Auditors;*

*Amendment*

Or. fi

**Amendment 3**  
**Anneli Jäätteenmäki**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Points out the specific nature of the financing of the Union's external assistance, which, although it must be subject to the same rules and oversight requirements as the rest of the Union budget, is put in place partly by persons and entities external to the Union, under sometimes difficult conditions, while needing to remain reactive and adaptable to crises and requirements;

*Amendment*

2. Points out, **however**, the specific nature of the financing of the Union's external assistance, which, although it must be subject to the same rules and oversight requirements as the rest of the Union budget, is put in place partly by persons and entities external to the Union, under sometimes difficult conditions, while needing to remain reactive and adaptable to crises and requirements;

Or. fi

**Amendment 4**  
**Marietje Schaake**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**4a. Reminds the Commission of the responsibility to deliver concrete results, and emphasizes the reciprocity between deliverables and the overall budget;**

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**María Muñoz De Urquiza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5a. Draws attention to the need to re-use election observation mission materials (furniture, computers, etc...) in other**

*electoral missions or by EU delegations in order to maximise their use;*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Sabine Lösing**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Notes, in respect of budget support, the reservations and warnings issued by the Court of Auditors concerning the inherent risks of irregularity, fraud and corruption; reiterates its very firm belief that budget support, while remaining an important channel for external aid, must be subject to robust *political*, legal and audit-related preconditions.

*Amendment*

6. Notes, in respect of budget support, the reservations and warnings issued by the Court of Auditors concerning the inherent risks of irregularity, fraud and corruption; reiterates its very firm belief that budget support, while remaining an important channel for external aid, must be subject to robust legal and audit-related preconditions *and should be spent in pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals and not for any politically strategic reason or in furtherance of the economic, security-policy or geostrategic interests of the donors;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**María Muñoz De Urquiza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*6a. Welcomes the development of an improved budget support risk management framework by the Commission (in full application from 1 January 2013) as part of the new budget support guidelines in response to a key*

*recommendation from the European  
Court of Auditors;*

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**María Muñoz De Urquiza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6b. Welcomes the results of the evaluation report of the effectiveness of the EU aid channelled through civil society organisations (CSO-s); draws attention to one of the main recommendations of the report to reduce the negative impact of cumbersome procedures on the effectiveness of the programmes implemented by CSO-s and welcomes that new options are put in place to simplify access to funding;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**María Muñoz De Urquiza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6c. Welcomes the fact that the Commission regards visibility of EU projects as a key element in good project implementation and that it has been made obligatory to prepare a communication plan for each project.***

Or. en

