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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Discharge 2015: General budget of the EU - European External Action Service
(2016/2160(DEC))

Amendment 1

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Auke Zijlstra, Sophie Montel, Laurențiu Rebege, Edouard Ferrand

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that according to the European Court of Auditors (ECA) the overall level of error in Heading 5 (Administration), **including the budget of the European External Action Service (EEAS), continues to be relatively low (0,6% in 2015);**

Amendment

1. ***Is surprised to note*** that according to the European Court of Auditors (ECA) the overall level of error in Heading 5 (Administration) – ***whose spending has to be contained – stayed at 0.6 % in 2015, an important fact bearing in mind the sums concerned;***

Or. fr

Amendment 2

Notis Marias

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 3

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Auke Zijlstra, Sophie Montel, Laurențiu Rebege, Edouard Ferrand

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Notes that the ECA ***found certain*** weaknesses in recruitment procedures of local agents in delegations and in procurement procedures organised by delegations and ***invites*** the EEAS to improve the quality of its procedures; ***points out the challenges of operations within a decentralised network of 139 delegations, with limited human resources and in diverse environments, and stresses the necessity to reduce the administrative burden faced by individual delegations; welcomes the pilot project on the regionalisation of the administrative support to Union delegations in Europe and calls for the centralisation of administrative tasks at Headquarters as far as possible;***

2. Notes that the ECA ***noted*** weaknesses in recruitment procedures of local agents in delegations and in procurement procedures organised by delegations and ***demands that*** the EEAS improve the quality of its procedures;

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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delegations;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Or. bg

Amendment 6
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Paragraph 2

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Or. el

Amendment 7
James Carver

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Recalls the need to ensure that the EEAS does not duplicate or frustrate the diplomatic efforts of Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Auke Zijlstra, Sophie Montel, Laurențiu Rebege, Edouard Ferrand

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Recalls the *need to ensure full respect of the staffing formula on the ratio between EEAS staff drawn from Member States and from Union institutions as set out by the Council Decision on the organisation and functioning of the EEAS; welcomes the commitment of the Vice-President/High Representative made to the Parliament to address the existing overrepresentation of*

3. Recalls the *call for EEAS staff to be drawn from Member States; recalls that Member States are sovereign and that by virtue of such sovereignty 'security and diplomacy' form part of the sovereign powers of each Member State;*

national diplomats in the positions of heads of delegations, and to present in the course of 2017 a review of the EEAS human resources policy, looking at issues such as gender balance and mobility of staff between institutions;

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Or. el

Amendment 10
Angel Dzhambazki

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Or. bg

Amendment 11

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Auke Zijlstra, Sophie Montel, Laurențiu Rebege, Edouard Ferrand

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

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4. Notes ECA Special Report 07/2016 on the management of buildings by the EEAS; *while recognising the challenges of building management in often complex environments; calls on* the EEAS to address the individual cases of unoccupied or unnecessarily large premises that have been identified by the ECA as a matter of priority.

Amendment

4. Notes ECA Special Report 07/2016 on the management of buildings by the EEAS; *demand*s that the EEAS address the individual cases of unoccupied or unnecessarily large premises that have been identified by the ECA as a matter of priority; *calls for a commitment by the High Representative in this respect.*

Or. fr

Amendment 12

Miroslav Poche

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building management in often complex environments; calls on the EEAS to address the individual cases of unoccupied or unnecessarily large premises that have been identified by the ECA as a matter of priority.

building management in often complex environments, *considers it vital for delegations to make better use of the services of local property market experts*; calls on the EEAS to address the individual cases of unoccupied or unnecessarily large premises that have been identified by the ECA as a matter of priority. *In this regard, it is vital that changes are made to disadvantageous contracts with other international institutions or embassies with which the EEAS shares buildings*;

Or. cs

Amendment 13
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Or. en

Amendment 14
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls for greater transparency and accountability;

