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# AMENDMENTS

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**Draft report**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**  
(PE497.968v01-00)

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2011, Section V – Court of Auditors  
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**Amendment 1**  
**Philip Bradbourn**

**Proposal for a decision 1**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

**1. Grants the Secretary-General of the Court of Auditors discharge in respect of the implementation of the Court of Auditors' budget for the financial year 2011;** / Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the Court of Auditors discharge in respect of the implementation of the Court of Auditors' budget for the financial year 2011;

*Amendment*

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the Court of Auditors discharge in respect of the implementation of the Court of Auditors' budget for the financial year 2011;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Theodoros Skylakakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Encourages the Court of Auditors to continue to assess the quality and impact of its work; calls for special attention to be given to the external experts' reviews of the content and presentation of the Court of Auditors' reports; notes that the external experts' satisfaction rate decreased in 2011;

*Amendment*

3. Encourages the Court of Auditors to continue to assess the quality and impact of its work; calls for special attention to be given to the external experts' reviews of the content and presentation of the Court of Auditors' reports; notes that the external experts' satisfaction rate decreased in **2011 and asks the Court of Auditors to explain why this is happening;**

Or. el

**Amendment 3**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5a. Calls on the Court of Auditors to provide, in each of its special reports, a timeline providing information on the individual stages of a report (from initial groundwork to publication;***

Or. de

**Amendment 4**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the reinforcement of audit posts in 2011, compared to the number of staff in other services; commends the Court of Auditors' continued engagement in finding efficiency gains in the support services; regrets, however, that the number of vacant audit posts in the end of 2011 was still high (25 vacant posts), even if significantly fewer than the previous year (44 in 2010);

7. Welcomes the reinforcement of audit posts in 2011, compared to the number of staff in other services; commends the Court of Auditors' continued engagement in finding efficiency gains in the support services; regrets, however, that the number of vacant audit posts in the end of 2011 was still high (25 vacant posts), even if significantly fewer than the previous year (44 in 2010). ***Calls on the Court to speed up the recruitment of new staff for the vacant audit posts;***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Finds the gender balance at the level of Directors and Heads of Units still very unbalanced (72% male and 28% female); notes with satisfaction that the proportion of women at AD level is increasing; requests the breakdown to be done also by nationality;

*Amendment*

8. Finds the gender balance at the level of Directors and Heads of Units still very unbalanced (72% male and 28% female); notes with satisfaction that the proportion of women at AD level is increasing; ***however points out the importance of geographical balance at all levels of staff,*** requests ***the Court to provide*** the breakdown to be done also by nationality;

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Ingeborg Gräble**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8a. Points to the considerable geographical imbalance as regards director posts: four British nationals, one French national, one Spanish national, one Belgian national, one Danish national, one Greek national, one Irish national and one Italian, but no German or Polish nationals or nationals of other central and eastern European Member States;***

Or. de

**Amendment 7**  
**Ingeborg Gräble**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***9a. Calls for information as to why the Court's new 'Assist' IT system has not been implemented and what problems there have been; calls for a breakdown of the costs which have arisen to date, and of likely costs in the future, and for information as to when the programme is likely to be introduced;***

Or. de

**Amendment 8  
Theodoros Skylakakis**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Notes that the Court of Auditors made a total of 379 audit visits in 2011, 343 to Member States and 36 to third countries;

*Amendment*

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Or. el

**Amendment 9  
Theodoros Skylakakis**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Takes note that in 2011, the Court of Auditors reported a total of seven cases of suspected fraud arising from its audit work to the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF); notes that OLAF decided to open

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an enquiry in two of those cases and those enquiries are still ongoing;

an enquiry in two of those cases and those enquiries are still ongoing; ***calls on the Court of Auditors to clarify whether the number of cases referred to OLAF and the percentage of those that are investigated reflect the actual level of corruption in relation to the use of EU funds and, if not, what it proposes to do to increase both these figures;***

Or. el

**Amendment 10**  
**Theodoros Skylakakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Notes, furthermore, that, in 2011 the Court of Auditors referred 17 cases of possible suspected fraud to OLAF arising from denunciation letters received by the Court; supports the Court's continuing close cooperation with OLAF;

*Amendment*

12. Notes, furthermore, that, in 2011 the Court of Auditors referred 17 cases of possible suspected fraud to OLAF arising from denunciation letters received by the Court; supports the Court's continuing close cooperation with OLAF, ***and urges the Court of Auditors to assess whether – and, if so, how – this number can be increased in relation to the overall image, action and effectiveness of the Court of Auditors in this sector;***

Or. el

**Amendment 11**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8a. Calls on the Court to maintain the best possible working environment for its staff***

*and its Members in the future and encourages the Court to examine what lessons can be learned from the recently revealed harassment case and whether the procedure applied during the investigation by the Court was fully in line with the Court's Rules of Procedure;*

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Ingeborg Gräble**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*12a. Calls for preventive measures to safeguard against workplace harassment and for details of all measures taken in respect of staff in the private offices of Members of the Court of Auditors;*

Or. de

**Amendment 13**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*17a. Awaits with interest the second peer review that the Court of Auditors is launching in 2013 focusing particularly on the practice of performance audit at the ECA; as well would like to be informed about the implementation of the conclusions of the first introductory peer review in 2012;*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Martin Ehrenhauser**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***18a. Takes the view that publishing Union data makes innovations possible, brings about considerable overall economic benefits, and makes administrations more efficient; calls for the Court of Auditors' data to be made permanently available in machine-readable form, without charge, so as to make them freely reusable; is of the opinion that the data must not be constrained because of platform- or system-specific architecture and that the data format must be based on widely used and freely accessible standards and be supported and maintained by organisations which are independent of manufacturers; stresses that full documentation relating to format and all extensions must be made freely available;***

*(Justification: For a modern, transparent administration, the fundamental principle of Open Government Data must apply.)*

Or. de