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Draft report
Hans-Peter Martin
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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Translation
Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2006
(C6-0378/2007 – 2007/2053(DEC))

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Amendment 1

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Proposal for a decision on discharge Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. ***Postpones its decision on granting*** the Director of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union discharge in respect of the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2006;

Amendment

Grants the Director of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union discharge in respect of the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2006;

Or. en

Amendment 2

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Proposal for a decision on closure of accounts Paragraph 2

Proposal for a decision

2. ***Postpones*** the closure of the accounts of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2006;

Amendment

2. ***Approves*** the closure of the accounts of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2006;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Hans-Peter Martin

Motion for a resolution
Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. calling on the Director of the Centre to propose, by 1 June 2008 at the latest, practical measures to achieve savings, above all in the area of administrative costs; to explain in detail why administrative costs are unacceptably high; to explain in detail why staff expenditure per post increased by 24% between the financial year 2006 and the 2008 preliminary draft budget; and to explain in detail why staff privileges – ***budget Items 1101, 1102, 1141, 1182 and 1183*** – make up more than 5% of the Centre's final budget and are thus much higher than for other agencies,

Amendment

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Or. de

General points

Amendment 4
Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Emphasises that it unreservedly endorses the principle of the limited conferral of powers, which, in the current documents providing the legal basis for the European Union, is enshrined, inter alia, in Article 5 of the Treaty on the

Amendment

deleted

European Union (TEU) and which stipulates that the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors exercise their powers under the conditions and for the purposes provided for, on the one hand, by the provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Communities and of the subsequent Treaties and Acts modifying and supplementing them and, on the other hand, by the other provisions of the TEU;

Or. en

Amendment 5

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Emphasises that it unreservedly endorses the principle of subsidiarity, which, in the current documents providing the legal basis for the European Union, is enshrined, inter alia, in Article 5, second paragraph, of the Treaty establishing the European Community (TEC) and which stipulates that in areas which do not fall within its exclusive competence the Community shall take action only if and in so far as the objectives of the proposed action cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States and can therefore, by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action, be better achieved by the Community;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 6

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**3. Emphasises, in that connection, that
pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Protocol
on the application of the principles of
subsidiarity and proportionality for any
proposed Community legislation the
reasons on which it is based must be
stated with a view to justifying its
compliance with the principles of
subsidiarity and proportionality and the
reasons for concluding that a Community
objective can be better achieved at
Community level must be substantiated by
qualitative or quantitative indicators;** *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 7

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**4. Emphasises, in that connection, that
pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Protocol
on the application of the principles of
subsidiarity and proportionality** *deleted*

Community action within the limits of its powers can be either expanded or restricted or discontinued where it is no longer justified;

Or. en

Amendment 8

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Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Emphasises, in that connection, that pursuant to paragraph 9 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality due account must be taken of the need for any financial or administrative burden falling on the Community to be minimised and proportionate to the objective to be achieved;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 9

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Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Emphasises that it unreservedly

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endorses the principle of sound financial management, as laid down, inter alia, in Article 274 TEC, and, hence, the objective of achieving the best possible result with a given volume of appropriations or achieving a given result using the smallest possible volume of appropriations;

Or. en

Amendment 10

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Emphasises, in that connection, that in its White Paper on the reform of the Commission the Commission laid down as guidelines for the formulation of an externalisation policy cost-effectiveness and the ability to exercise its powers to implement the budget, pursuant to Article 274 TEC; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 11

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Emphasises that pursuant to Article 253 TEC regulations, directives and decisions adopted jointly by the European Parliament and the Council and such acts adopted by the Council or the Commission must state the reasons on which they are based and refer to any proposals or opinions which were required to be obtained pursuant to the TEC; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 12

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Notes that decentralisation and devolution were key results of the process of reforming the Commission started in 1999, but that to date the Commission has submitted neither a study, nor an activity report nor an interim assessment of this form of administration; by the same token, the Commission has never given a convincing explanation of the added value provided by the agencies and of why their tasks could not equally well be performed within the Commission itself; *deleted*

Or. EN

Amendment 13

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Emphasises, in that connection, that *deleted*
between the year 2000 (publication of the
White Paper on the Reform of the
Commission) and 2007 the staff
complement of the Commission and
agencies (excluding executive agencies)
increased by a total of 85%;

Or. en

Amendment 14

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Notes, in that connection, that in *deleted*
recent years the pace at which
decentralised agencies are being set up
has steadily increased, and that they are
being established unsystematically and
with no uniform framework: whereas in
1990 only three, in 1995 six, and in 2000
seven agencies existed, the 2008 budget
lists no fewer than 25, seven of which
have been added since 2005 alone;

Or. en

Amendment 15

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Emphasises, in that connection, that the agencies to which it grants discharge make up only a part of the total and that the increase in permanent and temporary posts for all the decentralised agencies from 166 in the year 2000 to a total of 3151 in 2007 (+1800%) clearly illustrates the problems in this area; ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 16

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Emphasises further, in that connection, that average staff costs increased by more than 40% between 2006 and 2008; ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 17

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Emphasises finally, in that connection, that the subsidies paid to the agencies from the Community budget have increased disproportionately in recent years, that the appropriations from the Community budget paid to agencies to which Parliament grants discharge, which were established between 1975 and 1997 and have thus gone well beyond the start-up and initial growth phases, increased by some 90% between 2000 and 2008, and that during that period the subsidies paid to some of these agencies increased by more than 210%;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 18

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Emphasises that only two agencies are not in any way dependent on EU subsidies, whilst most of them are funded exclusively from EU budget appropriations;

deleted

Amendment 19

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Notes, in that connection, that a clear trend is emerging whereby the agencies revise their need for Community subsidies disproportionately upwards every six months, thus committing a steadily increasing proportion of the available appropriations, and that there are insufficient incentives to use financial resources sparingly; *deleted*

Amendment 20

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Takes the view that direct and indirect payments and subsidies to the agencies from host countries (e.g. funding for building projects, office facilities, municipal taxes, etc.) have made it impossible to draw up a comprehensive breakdown of the cost of the agencies and *deleted*

that this practice disguises the true costs;

Or. en

Amendment 21

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Takes the view that in most cases there has been no proper strategy underpinning the process of establishing agencies and that political considerations and factors, such as the attempt, with the help of the agencies, to influence the balance of power among the institutions, outweigh, and in some cases run entirely counter to, the original objectives, such as greater responsibility, transparency and efficiency in European administration;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 22

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Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Takes the view that the lack of a proper strategy on setting up agencies has

deleted

generated unnecessary costs and that the true costs have been hidden from taxpayers, since, for example, missing infrastructure has not been taken into account and additional costs – for instance for the construction of new office and conference buildings, the setting-up of new schools, the development of transport infrastructure in response to an increase in missions between places of work scattered throughout Europe, as a result of serious recruitment problems, etc. – have arisen as a result;

Or. en

Amendment 23

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
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Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Notes that the Commission's devolution policy has given rise to the duplication of work, above all in the area of administration, generating unnecessary additional costs and requiring the same know-how to be available several times over; notes, at the same time, that many agencies' administrative expenditure is far too high;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 24

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Takes the view that, with a few exceptions, no efforts have been made systematically to involve the agencies in the work of the Commission and that the agencies' spheres of responsibility frequently relate only to areas covered by 'open coordination' and bear no relation to the European Union's real needs and taxpayers' expectations; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 25

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Takes the view that the Commission no longer regards the decentralised agencies as a means of implementing its policies and has attempted to shed all responsibility for them, for example by stipulating that the Commission's Internal Auditor should no longer be responsible for auditing the decentralised agencies and should in future only confirm that their internal audit practices are *deleted*

consistent with international standards;

Or. en

Amendment 26

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Notes that in the case of some agencies the number of members of the administrative board exceeds the total number of staff, ruling out efficient and cost-effective decision-making; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 27

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Notes, on that basis, that the aim behind the practice of devolution - which is seen as one of the three main aspects of externalisation policy and was put forward as a reform strategy by the Commission in its White Paper - namely the more efficient, more rational and more effective provision of responsible *deleted*

administration, has not been achieved through the setting-up of decentralised agencies and that the Commission's reform efforts in this area have failed;

Or. en

Amendment 28

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. Calls on the Commission to comply strictly with the subsidiarity principle; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 29

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30. Calls on the Commission to meet to the letter the requirements to justify compliance with the subsidiarity principle; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 30

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Calls on the Commission to comply strictly with the principle of sound financial management; ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 31

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. Calls for every decision on the final location of an agency to be taken when the regulation establishing that agency is adopted; ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 32

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal which provides for the number of full members of the administrative board of an agency to be reduced as quickly as possible to a figure equal to no more than 10% of the posts in that agency's establishment plan and to no more than 20 in total;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 33

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Requests that the performance of the agencies be regularly (and on an ad hoc basis) audited by the Court of Auditors; considers that this should not be limited to traditional elements of financial management and the proper use of public money, but should also cover administrative efficiency and effectiveness and should include a rating of the financial management of each agency;

36. Requests that the performance of the agencies be regularly (and on an ad hoc basis) audited by the Court of Auditors ***or another independent auditor***; considers that this should not be limited to traditional elements of financial management and the proper use of public money, but should also cover administrative efficiency and effectiveness and should include a rating of the financial management of each agency;

Amendment 34

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Takes the view that in the case of agencies which are continually overestimating their respective budget needs, technical abatement should be made on the basis of vacant posts; is of the opinion that this will lead in the long run to less assigned revenue for the agencies and therefore also to lower administrative costs;

Amendment 35

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36b. Notes that it is a serious problem that a number of agencies is criticised for not following rules on public procurement, the Financial Regulation, the Staff Regulations etc.; considers that the principal reason for this is that most regulations and the Financial Regulation

are designed for bigger institutions and that most of the small agencies do not have the critical mass to be able to cope with these regulatory requirements; therefore asks the Commission to look for a rapid solution in order to enhance the effectiveness by grouping the administrative functions of various agencies together, in order to achieve this critical mass (taking into consideration the necessary changes in the basic regulations governing the agencies and their budgetary independence), or urgently to draft specific rules for the agencies (in particular implementing rules for the agencies) which allow them to be in full compliance;

Or. en

Amendment 36

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36c. Insists that the Commission, when drafting the Preliminary Draft Budget, take into consideration the results of budget implementation by the individual agencies in former years, in particular in year n-1, and, revise the budget requested by the particular agency accordingly; invites its competent committee to respect this revision and, if not undertaken by the Commission, to revise itself the budget in question to a realistic level matching the absorption and implementation capacity of the agency in question;

Amendment 37

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36d. Recalls its decision on discharge in respect of the financial year 2005, in which it invited the Commission to present every five years a study on the added value of every existing agency; invites all relevant institutions in the case of a negative evaluation of the added value of an agency to take the necessary steps by reformulating the mandate of that agency or by closing it; notes that there has not been one single evaluation undertaken by the Commission in 2007; insists that the Commission should present at least 5 such evaluations before the decision on discharge in respect of the financial year 2007, starting with the oldest agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36e. Is of opinion that recommendations of the Court of Auditors should be promptly implemented and the level of

subsidies paid to the agencies should be aligned with their real cash requirements; considers further that the amendments to the general Financial Regulation should be incorporated into the agencies' framework financial regulation and into their various specific financial regulations;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36f. Is concerned that a significant number of staff is employed on a temporary basis in a way that could undermine the quality of their work; therefore asks the Commission to improve its monitoring of the implementation of the Staff Regulations by the agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch

Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner

Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. Calls on the Council to agree to a binding horizontal funding ceiling for the agencies;

deleted

Amendment 41

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***38. Acknowledges that Parliament, as the
body responsible for financial control of
the agencies, creates unacceptable
conflicts of interest through its practice of
appointing members of the agencies’
administrative boards and management
bodies, and calls, therefore, for
Parliament to halt this practice;*** ***deleted***

Amendment 42

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

before Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Privileges ***deleted***

Amendment 43

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39. Calls on the Commission to submit as quickly as possible a proposal to abolish or drastically cut back privileges, in particular under budget Items 1101, 1102, 1141, 1182 and 1183;

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 44
Hans-Peter Martin**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39. Calls on the Commission to submit as quickly as possible a proposal to abolish or drastically cut back privileges, *in particular under budget Items 1101, 1102, 1141, 1182 and 1183;*

39. Calls on the Commission to submit as quickly as possible a proposal to abolish or drastically cut back privileges;

Or. de

Amendment 45

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***40. Refuses to accept that agency staff
and members of their families should be
able to undertake private travel paid for
from the agency's budget;*** ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 46

**Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch
Ingeborg Grässle, Christofer Fjellner
Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
Bart Staes**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***41. Calls on the Commission to submit a
proposal which seeks to amend the Staff
Regulations of officials of the European
Communities, so that private travel by
staff and members of their families, as
governed by Annex VII, Section 3 C,
Article 8, can no longer be paid for from
public funds, and to achieve drastic
savings in the area of staff privileges;*** ***deleted***

Or. en

Specific points

Amendment 47

Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch, Ingeborg Gräßle, Christofer Fjellner, Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė, Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

61. Notes that the Centre's administrative spending in 2006 accounted for much too high a proportion of its overall costs, making effective and efficient working impossible; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 48

Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch, Ingeborg Gräßle, Christofer Fjellner, Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė, Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 62

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62. Notes that no strict logic was applied to the choice of location for the Centre and that as a result a substantial volume of unnecessary additional costs has arisen; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 49

Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch, Ingeborg Gräßle, Christofer Fjellner, Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė, Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

63. Notes that it is not clear how this activity can be carried out more efficiently **deleted**

and more effectively in a decentralised agency and in this location than in the Commission itself;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch, Ingeborg Gräßle, Christofer Fjellner, Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė, Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64. Notes that in the financial year 2006 the cost of privileges for Centre staff made up more than 5% of the Centre's budget; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 51

Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch, Ingeborg Gräßle, Christofer Fjellner, Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė, Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65. Notes that the cost of private travel for Centre staff and members of their families is unacceptably high; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 52

Paulo Casaca, Edit Herczog, Herbert Bösch, Ingeborg Gräßle, Christofer Fjellner, Jan Mulder, Margarita Starkevičiūtė, Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 66

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66. Notes that the Centre's staff expenditure per post increased by 24% between the financial year 2006 and the 2008 preliminary draft budget;

deleted

Or. en