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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

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on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, as regards the European External Action Service

Proposal for a regulation – amending act
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Amendment 1
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Proposal for a regulation – amending act

Article 1 - point 7 a (new)

Regulation (EC) No 1605/2002

Article 56 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) A new Article 56a is added:

"Article 56a

The functioning of the Union Delegations shall be examined by the Department for Inspections of the EEAS which shall be responsible directly to the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the European Commission.

The Department for Inspections shall cooperate with the Commission's internal audit service on the basis of service level agreements. These service level agreements shall in particular define the mutual exchange of information found during examinations.

The Annual Report of the Inspection of the Delegations shall be made available to the Budgetary Authority in mutatis mutandis application of Article 60 paragraph 7."

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Justification

Accountability for integrity in financial operations in the Union Delegations is enhanced if the Department for Inspections of the EEAS is directly responsible to the High Representative / Vice-President. The requirement for it to cooperate with the Commission's internal audit service is intended to improve the effectiveness of both services.

Amendment 2
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Proposal for a regulation – amending act

Article 1 - point 12 a (new)

Regulation (EC) No 1605/2002

Article 95

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12a) In Article 95 the following paragraph is added:

"The Commission shall have a regular exchange of information with international organisations implementing EU funds with a view to jointly identifying actors whose lack of financial probity makes them unsuitable partners in the management of EU funds. This shall apply mutatis mutandis to the EEAS which is responsible for its own administrative budget."

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Justification

The World Bank has entered into a cross-debarment agreement with Multilateral Development Banks by which they jointly identify actors whose lack of financial probity does not make them suitable partners in the management of funds. The EEAS should join this initiative or establish a similar system.