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Amendment 1

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on behalf of the PPE Group

Report

Eleonora Evi

Activities of the European Ombudsman in 2017
(2018/2105(INI))

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Motion for a resolution

Recital K

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

K. *whereas the EU is still facing the worst economic, social and political crisis since its foundation; whereas the ineffective approach adopted by the EU Institutions in tackling the lack of transparency in both the EU decision-making process and in lobbying activities, in addition to other significant ethical issues within the Institutions, are contributing to further undermining the image of the EU;*

deleted

Or. en

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Recital S

Motion for a resolution

S. whereas on 25 October 2017 a meeting took place between former Commission President Barroso and a current Commission Vice-President, which was registered as an official meeting with Goldman Sachs; whereas the Ombudsman noted that the exact nature of this meeting was not clear; whereas the Ombudsman highlighted that there are understandable concerns that the former President is using his previous status and his contacts with former colleagues to influence and obtain information; ***whereas this case raises systematic issues as to the Commission's overall approach to handling such cases and the degree of independence of the Ethics Committee***; points out the need, therefore, for ***stronger*** rules at EU level to prevent and sanction all conflicts of interests in the Institutions and agencies of the EU;

Amendment

S. whereas on 25 October 2017 a meeting took place between former Commission President Barroso and a current Commission Vice-President, which was registered as an official meeting with Goldman Sachs; whereas the Ombudsman noted that the exact nature of this meeting was not clear; whereas the Ombudsman highlighted that there are understandable concerns that the former President is using his previous status and his contacts with former colleagues to influence and obtain information; points out the need, therefore, for ***clearer*** rules at EU level to prevent and sanction all conflicts of interests in the Institutions and agencies of the EU;

Or. en

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Recital Y

Motion for a resolution

Y. whereas for the purposes of decisions relating to the protection of human health and the safety of humans, animals and plants, the EU institutions, agencies and offices should be especially focused on citizens and service-minded in their outlook, and should properly address the public's concerns regarding *full* transparency, independence and accuracy in the collection and evaluation of scientific evidence; whereas the scientific evidence and procedures used at EU level which led to the authorisations of, inter alia, genetically modified organisms, pesticides and glyphosate drew significant criticism and triggered a wide public debate;

Amendment

Y. whereas for the purposes of decisions relating to the protection of human health and the safety of humans, animals and plants, the EU institutions, agencies and offices should be especially focused on citizens and service-minded in their outlook, and should properly address the public's concerns regarding *the highest possible level of* transparency, independence and accuracy in the collection and evaluation of scientific evidence; whereas the scientific evidence and procedures used at EU level which led to the authorisations of, inter alia, genetically modified organisms, pesticides and glyphosate drew significant criticism and triggered a wide public debate;

Or. en

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Recital AC

Motion for a resolution

AC. whereas the Ombudsman conducted an inquiry into how Martin Selmayr, the then Head of Cabinet of the President of the Commission, was appointed Secretary-General of the Commission; ***whereas the Ombudsman highlighted that the Commission created an artificial sense of urgency to fill the post of Secretary-General in order to justify not publishing a vacancy notice, and organised a selection procedure for Deputy Secretary-General not to fill that role directly, but to make Mr Selmayr Secretary-General in a rapid two-step appointment; whereas the Ombudsman found four instances of maladministration in Mr Selmayr's appointment due to the Commission's failure to follow the relevant rules correctly, both in letter and spirit;***

Amendment

AC. whereas the Ombudsman conducted an inquiry into how Martin Selmayr, the then Head of Cabinet of the President of the Commission, was appointed Secretary-General of the Commission;

Or. en

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Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Emphasises the importance of *maximum* transparency and improved public access to the documents held by the EU institutions; highlights the Ombudsman's structural work in bringing instances of maladministration to light by adopting a case-by-case approach and launching an increasing number of own-initiative enquiries;

Amendment

6. Emphasises the importance of *the highest possible level of* transparency and improved public access to the documents held by the EU institutions; highlights the Ombudsman's structural work in bringing instances of maladministration to light by adopting a case-by-case approach and launching an increasing number of own-initiative enquiries;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Recognises the need for *maximum* transparency in the EU decision-making process and commends the Ombudsman's inquiry into the usual practice of informal negotiations between the three main EU institutions (trilogues); supports the publication of all trilogue documents in accordance with the rulings of the Court of Justice;

Amendment

12. Recognises the need for *the highest possible level of* transparency in the EU decision-making process and commends the Ombudsman's inquiry into the usual practice of informal negotiations between the three main EU institutions (trilogues); supports the publication of all trilogue documents in accordance with the rulings of the Court of Justice;

Or. en

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Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Strongly believes that the Ombudsman's recommendations on the EIB's *Transparency Policy* must be implemented without further delay; *calls on the EIB to immediately start to remove the presumption of non-disclosure relating to the information and documents collected during audits, inspections and investigations, including those launched both during and after fraud and corruption cases;*

Amendment

13. Strongly believes that the Ombudsman's recommendations on the EIB's *transparency policy* must be implemented without further delay; *recalls that this policy is based on a presumption of disclosure and that under it anyone can access the EIB's documents and information;*

Or. en

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Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls *for the EIB Group's disclosure policy to ensure an increasingly high level of transparency as regards the principles governing its pricing policy and governance bodies; calls for the minutes of the EIB Group's management committee meetings to be published;*

Amendment

14. Calls *on the EIB to further enhance transparency, for example by publishing detailed minutes and granting access to information both internally, to Parliament and the other institutions, and to the public, especially with regard to the contracting and subcontracting system, the results of internal investigations and the selection, monitoring and evaluation of activities and programmes;*

Or. en

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Paragraph 15

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15. Stresses that the positions of the Member States within the Council during the EU legislative process must be recorded and made a matter of public knowledge in a timely and accessible manner, as in any system rooted in the principle of democratic legitimacy, co-legislators must be held accountable to the public for their actions; believes that increased accountability in the Council on positions taken by national governments on EU legislation, including making legislative documents *proactively* accessible to the public *while the legislative process is ongoing*, would help to address the lack of transparency in decision making and alleviate the ‘blame Brussels’ culture for decisions ultimately taken by national governments themselves; demands that the Council, in accordance with Article 15(3) TFEU, revise its confidentiality policy in order to ensure the highest level of transparency in its work;

Amendment

15. Stresses that the positions of the Member States within the Council during the EU legislative process must be recorded and made a matter of public knowledge in a timely and accessible manner, as in any system rooted in the principle of democratic legitimacy, co-legislators must be held accountable to the public for their actions; believes that increased accountability in the Council on positions taken by national governments on EU legislation, including making legislative documents accessible to the public, would help to address the lack of transparency in decision making and alleviate the ‘blame Brussels’ culture for decisions ultimately taken by national governments themselves; demands that the Council, in accordance with Article 15(3) TFEU, revise its confidentiality policy in order to ensure the highest level of transparency in its work;

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Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission to ensure *maximum* transparency and access to documents and information with regard to the EU Pilot procedures, at least in relation to petitions received, *and full transparency and full access* to the EU Pilot and infringement procedures that have already ended;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission to ensure *the highest possible level of* transparency and access to documents and information with regard to the EU Pilot procedures, at least in relation to petitions received, *as well as* to the EU Pilot and infringement procedures that have already ended;

Or. en