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Amendment 11

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Report

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

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**18. Reiterates its call for a central
transparency hub for all EU institutions
and agencies;**

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Or. en

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Amendment 12

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Supports the Ombudsman's commitment to improving the transparency of EU lobbying; stresses the importance of adopting an appropriate legislative act to make the EU transparency register mandatory and legally binding for all EU institutions and agencies and interest representatives, thereby ensuring *full* transparency of lobbying;

Amendment

19. Supports the Ombudsman's commitment to improving the transparency of EU lobbying; stresses the importance of adopting an appropriate legislative act to make the EU transparency register mandatory and legally binding for all EU institutions and agencies and interest representatives, thereby ensuring *the highest possible level of* transparency of lobbying;

Or. en

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Amendment 13

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses the importance of regularly updating and greatly improving the accuracy of data on the EU transparency register, ***including the obligation for law firms that lobby to declare all their clients; underlines the need to make available all information on the influence of lobbyists free of charge, fully comprehensible and easily accessible to the public;*** believes that full transparency of the funding of all interest representatives must be ensured; ***calls for any organisation that breaks the revolving doors rules to be suspended from the transparency register;***

Amendment

20. Stresses the importance of regularly updating and greatly improving the accuracy of data on the EU transparency register; ***considers that professional consultancies, law firms and self-employed consultants should indicate the exact volume of the activities covered by the register, while acknowledging that certain individuals may be prevented by national legislation in some Member States from meeting the requirements of the transparency register;*** believes that full transparency of the funding of all interest representatives must be ensured;

Or. en

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Amendment 14

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Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. ***Highlights the Ombudsman's findings that the ECB President's continued membership of the G30 constituted maladministration as it gave rise to a public perception that the ECB's independence from private financial interests could be compromised; stresses that the ECB's executive board members should refrain from also being members of fora or other organisations which include executives from banks supervised by the ECB; takes note of the Ombudsman's recommendations of 15 January 2018 on the involvement of the ECB's President and members of its decision-making bodies in the G30 and urges the ECB to amend the relevant rules in order to ensure that the highest ethical and accountability standards are implemented in practice;***

Amendment

21. ***Reiterates that the independence of the ECB gives the members of the executive board the freedom to take responsible decisions about participating in fora, based on respect for the appropriate accountability rules, including those not open to the wider public, if they consider it necessary to ensure the best conduct of the ECB's monetary policy; takes note of the opinion of the Ombudsman of 5 July 2018;***

Or. en

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Amendment 15

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. ***Believes that the Commission failed to respect the principles of transparency, ethics and the rule of law in the procedure it used to appoint Martin Selmayr as its new Secretary-General; strongly regrets the Commission's decision to confirm Mr Selmayr as its new Secretary-General, disregarding the extensive and widespread criticism from EU citizens and the reputational damage caused to the EU as a whole; emphasises that Mr Selmayr must resign as Secretary-General and calls on the Commission to adopt a new procedure for appointing its Secretary-General, ensuring that the highest standards of transparency, ethics and the rule of law are upheld;***

Amendment

22. ***Calls*** on the Commission to adopt a new procedure for appointing its Secretary-General, ensuring that the highest standards of transparency, ethics and the rule of law are upheld;

Or. en

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Amendment 16

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls on the Ombudsman to continue her work on strengthening ethics rules within the EU Institutions in order to solve revolving door issues and to guarantee **full** transparency on all information relating to such cases, including the swift publication of the names of all those EU senior officials involved; looks forward to the Ombudsman's analysis into how the Commission is implementing her guidelines and suggestions on how to improve the handling of revolving doors situations, including the possibility of adopting legislative rules for preventing and sanctioning such situations and possible abuses;

Amendment

23. Calls on the Ombudsman to continue her work on strengthening ethics rules within the EU Institutions in order to solve revolving door issues and to guarantee **the highest possible level of** transparency on all information relating to such cases, including the swift publication of the names of all those EU senior officials involved; looks forward to the Ombudsman's analysis into how the Commission is implementing her guidelines and suggestions on how to improve the handling of revolving doors situations, including the possibility of adopting legislative rules for preventing and sanctioning such situations and possible abuses;

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Reiterates its call on the Commission to guarantee proactive publication and **full** transparency with regard to the post-term-of-office occupations of former Commissioners; calls on the Commission to ensure that the Ethics Committee is fully independent and accountable and encourages the Ombudsman to continue to assess and report on any possible conflict of interest of the Ethics Committee's members;

Amendment

27. Reiterates its call on the Commission to guarantee proactive publication and **the highest possible level of** transparency with regard to the post-term-of-office occupations of former Commissioners; calls on the Commission to ensure that the Ethics Committee is fully independent and accountable and encourages the Ombudsman to continue to assess and report on any possible conflict of interest of the Ethics Committee's members;

Or. en

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Amendment 18

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Congratulates the Ombudsman on her strategic inquiry on the transparency of the Council legislative process (OI/2/2017/TE), but regrets the Council's failure to reply to the findings within the deadline; notes that this is, regrettably, a recurring topic that is constantly reflected in complaints submitted to the Ombudsman; believes, moreover, that it should be deemed of great importance for the democratic life of the Union and the effective participation of citizens across the continent, as it is hindering the fulfilment of the constitutional treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights; ***notes, in this connection, the Ombudsman's findings in a recent case (1272/2017/LP – the Council's refusal to give public access to the opinion of its Legal Service concerning an interinstitutional agreement on a Transparency Register), which suggested that the issue is threatening the principle of institutional balance and contravenes the essential practice of mutual sincere cooperation; points out that it is impossible to carry out ex-post checks on an ad hoc basis after a request is refused;***

Amendment

28. Congratulates the Ombudsman on her strategic inquiry on the transparency of the Council legislative process (OI/2/2017/TE), but regrets the Council's failure to reply to the findings within the deadline; notes that this is, regrettably, a recurring topic that is constantly reflected in complaints submitted to the Ombudsman; believes, moreover, that it should be deemed of great importance for the democratic life of the Union and the effective participation of citizens across the continent, as it is hindering the fulfilment of the constitutional treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Or. en

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Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35. *Urges the Ombudsman to launch a strategic inquiry in order to assess whether EU Institutions, offices and agencies, such as the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the EMA, ensure that the collection, examination and publication of scientific evidence is fully independent, transparent, impartial, accurate and free from conflict of interests, and whether the proper policies and procedural safeguards are in place, notably when dealing with GMOs, glyphosate, pesticides, phytosanitary and biocidal products and medicines; suggests, in this regard, a further inquiry into the composition and selection procedures of the scientific committees and panels of these agencies, in order to ensure that they are completely independent and to put into place the most stringent mechanisms preventing any possible conflict of interests;* ***deleted***

Or. en

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Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40. *Calls for greater financial and human resources to be allocated to the office of the Ombudsman so that it may cope with the current and future workload, with a view to upholding its crucial duty of enhancing good administrative practices within the EU, a service of vital importance to the citizens of the Union;*

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Or. en

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Amendment 21

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Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**46. Stresses the need for the
Ombudsman to investigate the conflict of
interest between the Commission's role in
the Troika and its responsibility as
guardian of the Treaties and the acquis;**

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Or. en