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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

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2016 discharge: European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)
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Amendment 1
Julie Girling, Pilar Ayuso, Karin Kadenbach

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. *Calls on the Commission to launch a policy debate with relevant stakeholders in order to review Union legislation related to risk assessment for food, chemicals and related products and the effectiveness of such legislation;*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Julie Girling, Pilar Ayuso, Karin Kadenbach

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. *Notes with concern that the Union regulatory agencies responsible for the risk assessment of regulated products, in particular the Agency and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), do not have sufficient resources to effectively fulfil these responsibilities; the Agency and EFSA should therefore be granted sufficient resources in order to carry out their specific responsibilities;*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

Amendment

11. Welcomes the redesign of the Agency's dissemination portal and the launch of a microsite for informing consumers about chemicals, which were carried out under the Agency's transparency policy;

11. Welcomes the redesign of the Agency's dissemination portal and the launch of a microsite for informing consumers about chemicals, which were carried out under the Agency's transparency policy; ***regrets, however, the Agency's poor communication and transparency with regard to the explanations given to the public on some of its decisions, in particular the decision taken in November 2017 not to classify glyphosate as a carcinogen, even though the International Agency for Research on Cancer did so in 2015 and the documents published in the 'Monsanto papers' reveal that serious suspicion hangs over the work of European agencies;***

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Luke Ming Flanagan

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11. Welcomes the redesign of the Agency's dissemination portal and the launch of a microsite for informing consumers about chemicals, which were carried out under the Agency's transparency policy; ***notes that for the benefit of those with dyslexia and other such difficulties, this site should also include full audio and audio/visual information;***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Notes that in 2016 the Agency's staff followed a mandatory training on prevention of conflicts of interest and a training by the European Anti-Fraud Office on fraud prevention;

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12. Notes that in 2016 the Agency's staff followed a mandatory training on prevention of conflicts of interest and a training by the European Anti-Fraud Office on fraud prevention; ***points out, however, that it has not really been possible to clear up all the suspicions of conflicts of interest, particularly those raised by a large number of non-governmental organisations in March 2017, especially with regard to members of the Committee for Risk Assessment;***

Or. fr

Amendment 6
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

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13. Welcomes that the Court of Auditors has announced that the transactions underlying the annual accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2016 were legal and regular in all material respects;

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13. Welcomes that the Court of Auditors has announced that the transactions underlying the annual accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2016 were legal and regular in all material respects, ***while noting the Court of Auditors' comments that 'Carry-overs of committed appropriations remained high for Title III (REACH operational expenditure) at 10,1 million euro, i.e. 39 % (2015: 7,3 million euro, i.e. 32 %) and are even higher for Title IV (Biocides operational expenditure) at 1,3 million euro, i.e. 68 % (2015: 1,5 million euro, i.e. 74 %). Such high level of carry-overs is in contradiction with the budgetary principle of annuality.'***; ***recommends that the Agency should take on board the following Court of Auditors' advice: 'The Agency may consider increasing the use of differentiated budget appropriations to better reflect the multi annual nature of operations and unavoidable delays between the signature of contracts,***

deliveries and payments.';

Or. en