

Der Generalsekretär

<u>Declaration by the Principal Authorising Officer by Delegation</u> concerning the authorising officers' annual activity reports for 2016

I, the undersigned,

Secretary-General of the European Parliament,

in my capacity as principal authorising officer by delegation,

note the annual activity reports and declarations issued by the authorising officers by delegation in respect of the 2016 financial year; also note that no authorising officer has entered formal reservations in his or her declaration;

declare by the present that I have reasonable assurance that:

a) the information contained in the reports presents a true and fair view;

b) the resources assigned to the activities described in the reports have been used for their intended purpose and in accordance with the principle of sound financial management;

c) the control procedures put in place give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions.

This reasonable assurance is based on the declarations of assurance of the authorising officers by delegation, on my own judgement, on the internal audit reports received, on the central monitoring and support of financial management activities carried out on my behalf and at my behest, and on all other information at my disposal.

certify that I am not aware of any fact which has not been stated which could damage the interests of the Institution.

Done at Brussels, on

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Klaus WELLE