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AMENDMENTS

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Derek Vaughan

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Amendment 1

Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. **Grants** its President discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2016;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2

Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Proposal for a decision 1

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Or. it

Amendment 3

Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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leadership and Parliament's administration are held accountable to Union citizens;

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whereas a discharge exercise performed in the year following the execution of the budget is best able to contribute to the attainment of these objectives;

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Oversight over Parliament's budgetary and financial management

Or. en

Amendment 5
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph –1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1 Notes that the formal oversight system of Parliament's budgetary and financial management consists of four main components:

(a) the certification of the final accounts by Parliament's accounting officer;

(b) the annual reports of the internal auditor and his opinion on the internal control system;

(c) the assessment of administrative and other expenditure for all the Union institutions, including Parliament, by its external auditor, the Court of Auditors

(the “Court”);and

(d) the discharge procedure prepared by CONT resulting in a decision of Parliament on granting the President of Parliament discharge.

Or. en

Amendment 6
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph –1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1a Notes that the annual report of the internal auditor contains findings based on specific audit work; aims to improve budgetary and financial management but not to provide a comprehensive picture of Parliament’s budgetary and financial management; notes, similarly, that the Court’s report represents the results of a small sample (41 transactions) in respect of Parliament’s transactions;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph –1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1b Welcomes the fact that the Court has increased the sample relating to the number of Parliament’s transactions, and encourages the Court to continue on this path, as the reputational risk is relatively high, given that financial and budgetary errors might impact negatively on the

standing of the institution;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph –1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1c Encourages the Court to consider issuing more special reports on specific areas of Parliament's operations, such as its communication policies and its management of the grants for European political parties and foundations with a special focus on performance based budgeting;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph –1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1d Welcomes the follow-up that is given by the administration to strengthen the in-house expertise on accounts and auditing by setting up an additional service for Members involved in the discharge procedures relating to Union institutions thus providing help and support on how to understand and interpret the outcome of annual accounting and audit reports;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Or. it

Amendment 11

Jean-François Jalkh

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Amendment 12

Benedek Jávor

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Or. en

Amendment 13
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Or. es

Amendment 14
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that in the 2016 financial year, seven transfers were approved in accordance with Articles 27 and 46 of the Financial Regulation, which amounted to EUR 66 655 000 or 3,6 % of final appropriations; observes that the majority of transfers were related to the Parliament's buildings policy, and in particular to the Konrad Adenauer building project;

Amendment

7. Notes that in the 2016 financial year, seven transfers were approved in accordance with Articles 27 and 46 of the Financial Regulation, which amounted to EUR 66 655 000 or 3,6 % of final appropriations; observes ***with concern*** that the majority of transfers were, ***once more***, related to the Parliament's buildings policy, and in particular to the Konrad Adenauer building project; ***considers that level of the 'mopping-up' transfer continues to be very high; is of the firm belief that effective budget management should be able to reduce this transfer to the bare minimum necessary; urges that Parliament's buildings policy be laid down with sufficient clarity, as part of the budgetary strategy;***

Or. es

Amendment 15

Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution

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Or. it

Amendment 16

Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Recalls that the political groups are responsible to the Parliament for managing the funds allocated to them, within the powers conferred upon them by the Bureau; notes with concern that the Court found weaknesses in checks on the authorisation and settlement of expenditure related to one political group*

Amendment

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and that the payments were being made without being covered by contracts resulting from a procurement procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 17

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Amendment

11. Recalls that the political groups are responsible to the Parliament for managing the funds allocated to them, within the powers conferred upon them by the Bureau; notes with concern that the Court found weaknesses in checks on the authorisation and settlement of expenditure related to *the Europe of Nations and Freedom (ENF)* group and that the payments were being made without being covered by contracts resulting from a procurement procedure; *highlights that the Court issued a qualified opinion on the ENF group; highlights that the external auditor “Ernest and Young” issued a qualified opinion as well; calls on the Bureau of the Parliament to take the appropriate measures, including possible reimbursement, concerning the ENF group;*

Or. en

Amendment 18

Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

11a. *Notes the specific findings concerning Parliament contained in the annual report of the Court for 2016; notes that for one payment to a political group, the Court found weaknesses in checks on the authorisation and settlement of expenditure made in 2015 but cleared in 2016; notes, in addition, that the Court found that payments were made without being covered by contracts resulting from a procurement procedure; notes, finally, that the Court detected similar shortcomings in a transaction relating to another political group in 2015;*

Or. en

Amendment 19
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. *Takes note of the Court's recommendation that the Parliament review its framework for monitoring the implementation of budget appropriations allocated to political groups, to provide better guidance and monitor the application of the rules more effectively;*

12. *Notes the responses given by Parliament to the Court during the adversarial procedure; asks the Court to keep the responsible committee informed on the implementation of its recommendation to review the framework for monitoring the implementation of budget appropriations allocated to political groups and to provide better guidance to political groups and monitor more effectively how they apply the rules for authorising and settling expenditure, and how they carry out procurement procedures;*

Or. en

Amendment 20
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. *Endorses the responses given by the Parliament in the adversarial procedure with the Court;*

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Or. en

Amendment 21
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. *Endorses* the responses given by the Parliament in the adversarial procedure with the Court;

13. *takes note of* the responses given by the Parliament in the adversarial procedure with the Court;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. *Endorses* the responses given by the Parliament in the adversarial procedure with the Court;

13. *Notes* the responses given by the Parliament in the adversarial procedure with the Court;

Or. es

Amendment 23

Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages the Parliament's Secretariat to continue its additional efforts in assisting the political groups in improving their internal financial management and in providing them with better guidance; calls on the political groups to further improve the application of relevant rules for authorising and settling expenditure, *as well as to improve and further harmonise how they carry out* procurement procedures;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 24

Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls on Parliament's Secretariat to publish an annual compendium of rules applicable to political groups, setting out their application and subsequent case law, for all the political groups; considers that such a publication would help to prevent political groups repeating errors made by other political groups, as highlighted by the Court of Auditors^{1 a};

^{1 a} OJ C 322, 28.9.2017, p. 277, point 10.15.

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Acknowledges the written answers to the 2015 discharge resolution provided to the Committee on Budgetary Control on 4 October 2017, as well as the presentation by the Secretary-General on the various questions and requests of Parliament's 2015 discharge resolution and the exchange of views with Members that followed;

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18. Acknowledges the written answers to the 2015 discharge resolution provided to the Committee on Budgetary Control on 4 October 2017, as well as the presentation by the Secretary-General on the various questions and requests of Parliament's 2015 discharge resolution and the exchange of views with Members that followed; *deplores, however, that many of these applications have not been followed up and that no reason or justification has been given; stresses the importance of having more frequent discussions with the Secretary-General on issues concerning Parliament's budget and its implementation in the Committee on Budgetary Control;*

Or. es

Amendment 26
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

18a. Stresses once more, in the interests of greater transparency within the institution, and especially concerning its decision-making procedure, the need to facilitate and make more accessible the work of Parliament's internal decision-making bodies, especially the Bureau and, above all, the decision-making procedure;

Amendment

calls for Bureau agendas to be published on the Intranet in a timely manner and for the minutes of meetings to be published much more promptly; observes that it is not necessary to wait until they are translated into all languages before publishing them; congratulates the College of Quaestors on the progress made in this regard, especially as regards its new policy of disclosing its decisions;

Or. es

Amendment 27
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Asks the Secretary-General to forward this resolution to the Bureau, highlighting all requests for action or decisions by the Bureau; calls on the Secretary-General to establish a plan of action and a timetable enabling the Bureau to follow up and/or respond to the recommendations contained in Parliament's discharge resolutions and include the results in the annual monitoring document; asks the Secretary-General to report in good time to the Budget and Budgetary Control Committees on all projects with a significant budgetary impact that have been submitted to the Bureau;

Or. es

Amendment 28
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Regrets, however, that many of the recommendations in the 2015 discharge resolution have not been followed up and that no reason or justification has been given; expresses its deep concern that neither the Bureau, nor the Secretary-General published a progress report or did not make sufficient progress on the following requests for action or decision by the Bureau or the Secretary-General:

- the call for Bureau agendas to be published on the Intranet well in advance of the meetings and for the minutes of the meetings to be published more promptly, without waiting until they are available into all languages and the call to publish on Parliament's website the relevant documents submitted to the Bureau by the Secretary-General in a machine-readable format, unless the nature of the information contained therein makes this impossible, as is the case, for example for the protection of personal data;

- the call on the Secretary-General to develop a system that Members can use to publish details of their meetings with interest representatives;

- the call on the Secretary-General to make it possible for Members who wish to publish on their own websites details of payments to them of Parliament allowances, with appropriate data records that can be easily reprocessed;

- the call on Parliament's administration to produce a report on the use of Parliament's premises by interest representatives and other external organisations;

- its concerns about the current code of conduct for Members that may need to be further improved in order to avoid conflicts of interests paying specific

attention to:

- *paid side-jobs for Members;*
- *lobbying activities directed towards the European institutions of former Members while they are entitled to a transition allowance;*
- *the registration of declarations of Members' Interests;*
- *the composition and competences of the advisory committee;*
- *the call on the Bureau to enter into dialogue with the local authorities to see how the latter can contribute to the financing of the House of European History;*
- *the call on the Bureau to ensure that social and pension rights are guaranteed for APAs that have worked with no interruption for the last two legislative parliamentary terms;*
- *the call on the Bureau to reconsider the possibility for APAs, at certain conditions to be set, to accompany Members in official Parliament Delegations and Missions;*

Or. en

Amendment 29
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. *Reiterates its call to the Bureau to follow-up all discharge decisions as follows from rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure, Article 6, Annex IV of the Rules of Procedure and Article 166 of the Financial Regulation;*

Amendment 30
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Recalls that both Parliament's 2014 and 2015 discharge resolutions, asked for a technical solution that allows Members to use their individual page in the Parliament's website for the voluntary publication of meetings with interest representatives; urges the Parliament's Bureau and the Secretary-General to make this possible without further delay;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Calls on the Secretary-General to inform the Members about progress made with regards to the iPACS Project (whose aim is to strengthen and modernize the security of people, buildings and assets of the Parliament); notes that this project was adopted by Bureau decision on 9th of March 2015; underlines the importance of ascertaining whether a project of such prime importance to the Parliament – and that has cost such a large sum of money – is on track;

Amendment 32
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Calls on the Secretary-General to institute measures to deal with significantly increasing hotel prices in Strasbourg, prices that have increased dramatically from one year to the next with an especially marked peak during the Plenary; recommends facilitating transport between Strasbourg and the German side of the border, where prices are significantly lower (possibly by means of a shuttle bus service between Kehl and the Parliament building);

Or. en

Amendment 33
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Welcomes the initiatives of the Secretary-General regarding the review of the Crisis and Business Continuity Strategy in order to build up the resilience of the Parliament to better face any potential major incident (of any nature; IT, security, premises) impacting Parliament's activities, reflected in a Bureau Decision of 3rd of May 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that, following the referendum held on 23 June 2016 in the United Kingdom the Bureau discussed the consequences in its meeting of 4 July 2016; notes the position of the President that, as long as the United Kingdom remains a full member of the Union, British Members and Parliament's staff enjoy exactly the same rights and obligations as all other Members and staff of the house;

Amendment

20. Notes that, following the referendum held on 23 June 2016 in the United Kingdom the Bureau discussed the consequences in its meeting of 4 July 2016; notes ***that*** the position of the President ***is*** that, as long as the United Kingdom remains a full member of the Union, British Members and Parliament's staff enjoy exactly the same rights and obligations as all other Members and staff of the house; ***notes that this arrangement needs to be flexible and remain in line with any possible outcomes of the Brexit negotiations; notes that the situation of British Members and Parliament staff might change during the yet to be defined transition period;***

Or. en

Amendment 35
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Calls for clarification of the financial and human resources allocated to the 'Brexit Steering Group'; recalls that it is composed of representatives of certain political groups and that three political groups chose to be left out; stresses the risks that this breach of the principle of equal treatment entails;

points out that the institution is required to treat all political formations equally and calls for Parliament's Bureau to consider the legality of this 'Brexit Steering Group';

Or. fr

Amendment 36

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Encourages the Secretary-General to negotiate with the Belgian Railways to offer more direct trains between Gare Luxembourg and Zaventem Airport in peak arrival and departure time for Members in order to save travelling time and lower the carbon footprint for Members at the same time, and ask the secretariat to promote train travel for Members;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Recalls that openness to the public is a hallmark of the Parliament; supports the reorganisation and improvement of entrances to all Parliament buildings at the three places of work on the basis of a new

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security concept which guarantees a safe working environment for parliamentary activities while retaining Parliament's openness; notes that these entrances, modernised in 2015, were equipped with new access control systems and have been incorporated into the new central integrated physical access control system;

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Or. en

Amendment 38
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Notes that attention paid to performance based budgeting still varies between the directorates-general, and is still at a preliminary stage in parts of the administration; calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure that clear, measurable targets are set and monitored throughout the administration;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Dennis de Jong, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23c. Acknowledges that, according to the Court, the costs of the geographic dispersion of Parliament amount to EUR 114 million per year and notes the finding, in its resolution of 20 November 2013 on the location of the seats of the Union's Institutions, that 78 % of all missions by Parliament staff coming under the Staff Regulations arise as a direct result of the fact that Parliament's services are geographically dispersed; recalls that the estimate of the environmental impact of that dispersal is between 11 000 to 19 000 tonnes of CO2 emissions; calls on the Council to find a solution for this waste of taxpayers money;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Amendment 41
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Awaits, therefore, details of the cost of these publications: number of working hours, number of officials involved and the units they belong to;

Or. fr

Amendment 42
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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25. **Notes** the revision of allowance rates for accredited parliamentary assistants (APAs) incurred in respect of their duty travel between Parliament's three places of work; notes that for officials and other servants **of the EP**, the hotel ceiling for Strasbourg missions is set at EUR 180 and daily allowance at EUR 192, **making a daily total of EUR 372, whereas for accredited parliamentary assistants this amount is reduced to** EUR 137, EUR 160 or EUR 183 **per day for the same expenses, at the Member's discretion; recalls, however, that APAs are entitled to the same subsistence allowance as officials and other EP staff for missions to destinations other than Strasbourg; calls on the Bureau, for the third year running and for the purposes of equal treatment of workers, to take swift action to bring the**

daily subsistence allowance for APAs on mission in Strasbourg into line with that for officials and other staff;

Or. es

Amendment 43

Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 44

Derek Vaughan, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 45
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Reiterates its will to find a workable solution for those APAs who, having worked for two parliamentary terms in the end of the current term will not be entitled to access to the European pension rights scheme, when they will reach the pension age, since they will be lacking some time out of the ten years' service needed, due to early elections in 2014 and the delays in the validation of the APAs new contracts because of heavy workload during the periods after the elections of 2009 and after the elections of 2014; therefore requests two legislative terms to be considered as ten years of active service; requests the Commission to submit a legislative proposal before 1 September 2018;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Derek Vaughan, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Reiterates calls to find a solution for those APAs who, having worked for two parliamentary terms in the end of the current term will not be entitled to access to the European pension rights scheme, when they will reach the pension age, since they will be lacking some time out of the ten years' service required, due to early elections in 2014 and delays in the validation of APAs new contracts due to heavy HR workload after the elections of 2009 and 2014; suggests two legislative terms be considered ten years of active service;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. considers it appropriate to keep the small increase in budget line 422 'Expenditure related to parliamentary assistance' in particular taking into account the higher workload through Brexit, growing number of trilogues, increasing number of temporary and special committees, reaching ahistorical threshold of 25 standing and temporary committees, and the coincidence of the end of legislature with the complex package of legislative MFF proposals;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25b. *Calls for a thorough revision of the Internal Rules governing missions and duty travel by officials and other servants in order to ensure a full alignment between officials, other servants and APAs; Notes that some missions' reimbursements are subject to very long delays and suggests that solutions as to bring them within a reasonable timeframe should be explored;*

Or. en

Amendment 49
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25c. *Asks the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission the Report on the evaluation of the new Statute for APA drawn up following the resolution adopted on 28 April 2016 on the discharge for the financial year 2014 and referred to in article 3 of Regulation 160/2009;*

Or. en

Amendment 50
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25d. *Encourages the Bureau, when assessing the new rules on visitors' groups introduced last year, to delete the possibility to appoint APAs as head of a group as it poses professional, juridical, ethical and data protection concerns;*

Or. en

Amendment 51
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Observes that trainees employed by Members have a private-law contract with the Member, which does not entitle them to **have a similar** status in Parliament as that of other categories of Parliament staff; **regrets** that there is no facility or legal framework within the Directorate-General for Finance (DG FINS) to arrange a scheme for direct advance payments to such trainees prior to missions; notes that many Members do not use the services of a paying agent to remunerate the trainees they **engage**, asks the Parliament to evaluate as soon as possible whether such a scheme could be implemented;

26. Observes that trainees employed by Members have a private-law contract with the Member, which does not entitle them to **the same** status in Parliament as that of other categories of Parliament staff; **notes** that there is no facility or legal framework within the Directorate-General for Finance (DG FINS) to arrange a scheme for direct advance payments to such trainees prior to missions; **underlines that Members may find an agreement on advance payments with the trainee and the paying agent on a case-by-case basis**; notes that many Members do not use the services of a paying agent to remunerate the trainees they **employ**, asks the Parliament to evaluate as soon as possible whether such a **direct payment** scheme could be implemented;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Observes that trainees employed by Members have a private-law contract with the Member, which does not entitle them to have a similar status in Parliament as that of other categories of Parliament staff; regrets that there is no facility or legal framework within the Directorate-General for Finance (DG FINS) to arrange a scheme for direct advance payments to such trainees prior to missions; notes that many Members do not use the services of a paying agent to remunerate the trainees they engage, asks the Parliament to evaluate as soon as possible whether such a scheme could be implemented;

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26. Observes that trainees employed by Members have a private-law contract with the Member, which does not entitle them to have a similar status in Parliament as that of other categories of Parliament staff, ***or to have scholarships from the Parliament itself (Schuman scholarships)***; regrets that there is no facility or legal framework within the Directorate-General for Finance (DG FINS) to arrange a scheme for direct advance payments to such trainees prior to missions – ***although such arrangements are in place for all other staff – given the fact that, for obvious reasons, they can barely afford to pay these expenses up front out of their own pockets***; notes that many Members do not use the services of a paying agent to remunerate the trainees they engage, asks the Parliament to evaluate as soon as possible whether such a scheme could be implemented;

Or. es

Amendment 53
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

26a. Notes with concern that at this advanced stage in the Parliamentary term, the CVs of more than half of MEPs are still yet to appear in their profiles on the EP's official website; calls on the SG to take swift action to ensure that the CVs of

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all MEPs appear on the official website;

Or. es

Amendment 54
Jens Geier, Arndt Kohn

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. *Recalls that the mandate of Members of the European Parliament is incompatible with a number of offices, including that of a mandate in a national parliament; asks the Bureau to draw up the necessary rules to exclude the possibility for Members to have an additional mandate in a Member State regional parliament with legislative powers and a full-time parliament schedule comparable to those of national parliaments;*

Or. en

Amendment 55
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. *Is of the opinion that in order to receive more independent and reliable opinion and studies there is a need to create rules on conflict of interest for experts hired by the Parliament's Committees;*

Or. en

Amendment 56
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Recalls that the 2014 and 2015 discharges had noted that the Parliament website remained relatively un-user-friendly and, in this light, urgently calls on DG COMM to improve its website and to institute a more efficient search engine; stresses that progress still needs to be made with regard to the attractiveness and appeal of the website and that an effort is still required in order to diversify the available social media platforms; calls for a new strategy to be implemented, one that reflects the full capacity of social media in its various manifestations;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Takes note of the updated mission statement for the Information Offices, from now on “Liaison Offices” (adopted by the Bureau in November 2017); strongly underlines that their main function is to inform and communicate locally on behalf of the Parliament, in order to provide information about the Union and Union’s policies through the activities of external stakeholders on local, regional and national level; calls

for an improvement in the strategy adopted with regard to the Information Offices of the Parliament and urges the DG COMM to confront the problem of the imbalance between the amount of money spent on building and staff costs as opposed to the key functions of these offices, which is direct communication with local stakeholders and citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Recalls that the key performance indicator of DG COMM is the total outreach or exposure attained across the entire range of Parliament's communication platforms and channels; notes *with satisfaction* that, with regards to the Parliament's presence in the media and average coverage per month, there was a 12% increase compared to 2015, and 7% increase compared to the election year 2014; acknowledges *in addition significant results for* the Parliament's use of social media, as well as actions related to raising awareness among young people; points out, however, that the Parliament's communication activities should continue to improve, in particular by increasing outreach on social media;

Amendment

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express;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 60

Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Monica Macovei, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Recalls that the key performance indicator of DG COMM is the total

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outreach or exposure attained across the entire range of Parliament's communication platforms and channels; notes with satisfaction that, with regards to the Parliament's presence in the media and average coverage per month, there was a 12% increase compared to 2015, and 7% increase compared to the election year 2014; acknowledges in addition significant results for the Parliament's use of social media, as well as actions related to raising awareness among young people; points out, however, that the Parliament's communication activities should continue to improve, in particular by increasing outreach on social media; ***which is currently below the standards expected of a parliamentary institution;***

Or. en

Amendment 61 **Dennis de Jong**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 28**

Motion for a resolution

28. Notes that DG COMM launched a new multi-annual work programme for grants in the area of media and events organisation covering the period 2016-2019; acknowledges that for the award of a grant in the media category, 102 framework partnership agreements were established and 48 grant applications were selected for a total amount of EUR 3,99 million; notes that in the area of events organisation, 18 projects were selected for the award of a grant for a total amount of EUR 0,8 million;

Amendment

28. Notes that DG COMM launched a new multi-annual work programme for grants in the area of media and events organisation covering the period 2016-2019; acknowledges that for the award of a grant in the media category, 102 framework partnership agreements were established and 48 grant applications were selected for a total amount of EUR 3,99 million; notes that in the area of events organisation, 18 projects were selected for the award of a grant for a total amount of EUR 0,8 million; ***calls on DG COMM to concentrate on a more active approach towards those who are not automatically interested in Parliament's activities or who may even be sceptical about its***

functioning;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Stresses that for the above period, the appropriations for communication are as follows:

- 2016:EUR 90 839 026

- 2017:EUR 91 906 100

- 2018:EUR 120 368 000

- 2019: EUR 104 000 000

Or. fr

Amendment 63
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28b. Condemns in the strongest terms the more than 30% increase in the DG COMM budget between 2016 and 2018;

Or. fr

Amendment 64
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28c. *Considers that this increase, motivated by the upcoming European elections, is intended to finance ‘a positive narrative about the EU^{1 a}’; notes that the overall amount for Parliament’s institutional campaign is EUR 33.3 million (EUR 25 million for 2018 and EUR 8.33 million for 2019); points out that the institution must maintain complete neutrality during the elections which concern it and that it is up to the political parties to offer citizens a programme and a message on the European Union;*

^{1 a} Meeting of Parliament’s Bureau on 13 November 2017.

Or. fr

Amendment 65
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8d. *Recalls that Parliament plans to increase the European election funding for European parties by EUR 17 million;*

Or. fr

Amendment 66
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. **Notes with satisfaction** the major technical and editorial **improvements of** Parliament's public website, **in particular** search engine **optimisation** of the website; notes that the Responsive Web Design project and the live streaming and video-on-demand platform renewal project, which aim to redesign the website to make it adaptive to all kinds of devices, were launched in 2016 and successfully implemented to parts of the website; calls for a continuation of these projects and their implementation **on** all sections of the Parliament's website;

Amendment

29. **Takes note of** the major technical and editorial **changes made to the** Parliament's public website, **particularly with regard to** search engine **optimization** of the website; **congratulates DG COMM on this progress but adds that the rate of progress remains excessively slow**; notes that the Responsive Web Design project and the live streaming and video-on-demand platform renewal project - which aim to redesign the website to make it adaptive to all kinds of devices - were launched in 2016 and successfully implemented to parts of the website; calls for a continuation of these projects and their implementation **across** all sections of the Parliament's website; **notes that much still needs to be done in order to bring an effective website and communication tool into being; underlines that the renewal needs to be accomplished in a timely manner, as visibility of and accessibility to the Parliament should be in place well before, but at the very latest, for the upcoming European elections in 2019**;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Notes **with satisfaction the major** technical and editorial improvements of Parliament's public website, in particular search engine optimisation of the website; notes that the Responsive Web Design project and the live streaming and video-on-demand platform renewal project, which aim to redesign the website to make

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 68
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

29. Notes with satisfaction the major technical and editorial improvements of Parliament's public website, in particular search engine optimisation of the website; notes that the Responsive Web Design project and the live streaming and video-on-demand platform renewal project, which aim to redesign the website to make it adaptive to all kinds of devices, were launched in 2016 and successfully implemented to parts of the website; calls for a continuation of these projects and their implementation on all sections of the Parliament's website; *stresses that a transparent and accessible website is key to the involvement of citizens;*

Or. en

Amendment 69
Ryszard Czarnecki, Monica Macovei, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Notes ***with satisfaction*** the major technical and editorial improvements of Parliament's public website, in particular search engine optimisation of the website; notes that the Responsive Web Design project and the live streaming and video-on-demand platform renewal project, which aim to redesign the website to make it adaptive to all kinds of devices, were launched in 2016 and successfully implemented to parts of the website; calls for a continuation of these projects and their implementation on all sections of the Parliament's website;

Amendment

29. Notes the major technical and editorial improvements of Parliament's public website, in particular search engine optimisation of the website; notes that the Responsive Web Design project and the live streaming and video-on-demand platform renewal project, which aim to redesign the website to make it adaptive to all kinds of devices, were launched in 2016 and successfully implemented to parts of the website; calls for a continuation of these projects and their implementation on all sections of the Parliament's website; ***encourages further improvements because the website is still rather user-unfriendly;***

Or. en

Amendment 70
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. ***Draws attention to the latest Eurobarometer survey commissioned by the Parliament, where a specific question on the image of the Parliament was posed; is pleased that, according to the survey the percentage of citizens who have a positive view of the Parliament is on the rise;***

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 71
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Draws attention to the latest Eurobarometer survey commissioned by the Parliament, where a specific question on the image of the Parliament was posed; is pleased that, according to the survey the percentage of citizens who have a positive view of the Parliament is on the rise;

Amendment

31. Draws attention to the latest Eurobarometer survey commissioned by the Parliament, where a specific question on the image of the Parliament was posed; is pleased that, according to the survey the percentage of citizens who have a positive view of the Parliament is on the rise **from 25% (2016) to 33% (2017); notes with satisfaction that the increase of Parliament's positive image directly corresponds to a decline in the 'negative opinion' by 7 percentage points from 28% (2016) to 21% (2017); points out that, despite clear signs of improvement, much still needs to be done;**

Or. en

Amendment 72
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. Underlines the need to update the mission of the information offices of the Parliament so as to optimise the use of new communication technologies and models and take advantage of their privileged geographical position close to citizens to further intensify activities at local level, such as organising debates with MEPs and civil society, with a view to listen to people and engage with them. Online debate and media attention triggered by these events should contribute to further increasing outreach to citizens;

Or. es

Amendment 73
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. *Notes that in 2016, EUR 6 500 000 was allocated to the House of European History; maintains that it is not within the remit of an institution to finance a museum; questions the relevance and historical accuracy of the exhibitions in the light of this funding;*

Or. fr

Amendment 74
Ryszard Czarnecki, Monica Macovei, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. *Underlines the need to modernise the mission of the information offices of Parliament by optimising the use of new communication technologies as their task is to better inform citizens;*

Or. en

Amendment 75
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. *Encourages the Bureau, when assessing the new rules on visitors' groups introduced last year, to delete the possibility to appoint APAs as head of a group;*

Or. en

Amendment 76
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31b. *Calls for a review of the system for calculating the reimbursement of travel expenses for groups of visitors sponsored by MEPs, with a view both to ensuring equal treatment of all EU citizens and to promoting the use of more environmentally friendly means of transport, given that the current system, based on calculating mileage, fails both to take account of the isolation and geographical barriers afflicting certain areas of the Union and to cover the cost of travelling to places where faster and more environmentally friendly means of transport are available;*

Or. es

Amendment 77
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. *Notes that the amount of spectators of the LUX Prize is still very*

low and raises the question whether the Prize is justifiable;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31b. *Reiterates its call on the Bureau to stay into dialogue with the local authorities to see how the latter can further contribute to the financing of the House of European History;*

Or. en

Amendment 79
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31c. *Expresses its deep concerns about the risk of the House of European History, in particular relating to the large number and complexity of loans and acquisition contracts for the permanent collection; is, furthermore, deeply concerned about the shortage of appropriate storage rooms inside and near the House of European History and the Parliament premises that pose a real risk to the preservation of artworks; calls on the Bureau to request the Secretary-General to investigate the possibility of using replica in order to avoid costly consequences for the Parliament due to*

any damage to artworks;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31d. Notes that, by 31 December 2016, a total of 5 375 officials and temporary staff were employed within the Secretariat (a decrease of 16 compared with 31 December 2015) and a total of 806 officials and temporary staff were employed within the political groups (an increase of 35 compared with 31 December 2015); notes that, together with contract agents, DG PERS was responsible for 9.617 staff (an increase of 264 compared with 31 December 2015);

Or. en

Amendment 81
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31d. Notes that at 1 January 2016, 57 posts were deleted from Parliament's establishment plan in accordance with the 2014 revision of the Staff Regulations and the MFF for 2014-2020;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Welcomes the fact that promoting equal opportunities remains *a key component* of Parliament's human resource management policy; notes that the action plan for the promotion of gender equality and diversity, approved by the Bureau in 2015, continued to be implemented during 2016 together with its specific objectives and all other related measures;

Amendment

32. Welcomes the fact that promoting equal opportunities remains *an important element* of Parliament's human resource management policy; notes that the action plan for the promotion of gender equality and diversity, approved by the Bureau in 2015, continued to be implemented during 2016 together with its specific objectives and all other related measures;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

32. Welcomes the fact that promoting equal opportunities remains *an important component* of Parliament's human resource management policy; notes that the action plan for the promotion of gender equality and diversity, approved by the Bureau in 2015, continued to be implemented during 2016 together with its specific objectives and all other related measures;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Welcomes the fact that ***the percentage of female*** heads of unit, appointed by the Secretary-General, ***almost doubled in ten years***, from 21 % in 2006 to 36 % in 2016;

Amendment

34. Welcomes the fact that ***gender equality among*** heads of unit, appointed by the Secretary-General, ***increased*** from 21 % in 2006 to 36 % in 2016 ***and that the posts that women have obtained tend to show a satisfactory improvement in the quality of the posts attributed to women;***

Or. en

Amendment 85
Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Welcomes the fact that the ***percentage of female*** heads of unit, appointed by the Secretary-General, ***almost doubled*** in ten years, from 21 % in 2006 to 36 % in 2016;

Amendment

34. Welcomes the fact that the ***gender balance of the*** heads of unit, appointed by the Secretary-General, ***improved*** in ten years, from 21 % / ***79*** % in 2006 to 36 % / ***64*** % in 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Regrets that the ***number of women holding posts*** at the level of director-general fell from 33,3 % in 2015 to 16,7% in 2016; ***notes the number of women*** at director level remained steady from 2015

Amendment

35. Regrets that the ***level of gender balance*** at the level of director-general fell from 33,3 % / ***66,7*** % in 2015 to 16,7% / ***83,3*** % in 2016; ***acknowledges that the level of gender balance*** at director level remained steady from 2015 to 2016 at

to 2016 at 29,2 % and 29, 8% respectively;

29,2 % / **70,8 %** and 29, 8 % / **70,2** respectively;

Or. en

Amendment 87

Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Regrets that the ***number of women holding posts*** at the level of director-general fell from 33,3 % in 2015 to 16,7% in 2016; notes ***the number of women*** at director level remained steady from 2015 to 2016 at 29,2 % and 29, 8% respectively;

Amendment

35. Regrets that the ***gender balance*** at the level of director-general fell from 33,3 % / **66,7 %** in 2015 to 16,7% / **83,3 %** in 2016; notes ***that the gender balance*** at director level remained steady from 2015 to 2016 at 29,2 % / **70,8 %** and 29, 8% / **70,2 %** respectively;

Or. en

Amendment 88

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

35. Regrets that the number of women holding posts at the level of director-general fell from 33,3 % in 2015 to 16,7% in 2016; notes the number of women at director level remained steady from 2015 to 2016 at 29,2 % and 29, 8% respectively; ***considers this move in contradiction with the road map for “Gender Equality in the European Parliament Secretariat”***;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35a. Is concerned at the growing politicisation of human resource management, in particular with regard to the highest positions in the institution; stresses that such a development can only create serious suspicions as regards the essential neutrality of officials, which is a minimum requirement for the good management of an institution that holds itself up as an example of democracy;

Or. fr

Amendment 90
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35a. Recognises that, for certain activities, such as running the canteens and cleaning, outsourcing has been Parliament's preferred option and that, as a consequence, for certain DGs, the number of external staff on Parliament's premises may even exceed the number of officials;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35b. *Notes, however, that such outsourcing decisions cannot provide an explanation for the use of all external staff and that, for example in the Directorate-General Innovation and Technological Support (DG ITEC), the ratio between external staff and officials is difficult to explain;*

Or. en

Amendment 92
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35c. *Reiterates the opinion that external staff should not be used to compensate for the reduction of the number of posts as agreed in the context of the 2014 revision of the Staff Regulations and the current MFF;*

Or. en

Amendment 93
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35d. *Notes that, at the end of 2016, there were 1 924 accredited parliamentary assistants (APAs) working at Parliament,*

compared to 1 791 a year before; calls for special consideration of the rights of APAs and local assistants, as their contracts are directly linked to the mandate of the Members they support, bearing in mind that APAs are members of staff holding Parliament employment contracts, while local assistants are subject to various national legislations;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35e. Reiterates its concern about the alleged practice of Members obliging APAs to undertake missions, particularly to Strasbourg, without mission orders, without mission costs or simply without travel costs; is of opinion that such a practice leaves room for abuse: where APAs travel without a mission order they not only have to pay for the costs by their own means, they are also not covered by workplace insurance; calls on the Secretary-General to investigate this alleged practice and to report on this by the end of the year;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35f. *Reiterates its call on the Bureau to ensure that social and pension rights are guaranteed for APAs that have worked with no interruption for the last two legislative parliamentary terms; in this regard, reiterates its invitation to the administration to put forward a proposal that takes into account the decision to have early elections in 2014 and the time spent in the recruitment procedure, when calculating the 10 year service period required by the Staff Regulations;*

Or. en

Amendment 96
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35g. *Reiterates its call on the Conference of Presidents and the Bureau to reconsider the possibility for APAs, at certain conditions to be set, to accompany Members in official Parliament Delegations and Missions, as already requested by several Members; calls on the Secretary-General to investigate the budgetary consequences, and the organisation and logistics of these missions;*

Or. en

Amendment 97
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35h. *Notes that Parliament is providing a budget to the Staff Committee, calls for a similar budget for the Accredited Parliamentary Assistants Committee, since they fulfil tasks provided by the statute, useful for all institutions and Members;*

Or. en

Amendment 98
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35i. *Calls on the administration to involve the Accredited Parliamentary Assistants Committee in the decision making process of all rules that might concern Accredited Parliamentary Assistants Committee exclusively or commonly with all the other categories of staff represented by the Staff Committee;*

Or. en

Amendment 99
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35j. *Welcomes the interest in keeping staff with British citizenship who have become European civil servants, asks the Secretary-General to report on the potential risks for British staff and on*

how to ensure that British staff do not become victims of Brexit, and that their statutory, contractual and acquired rights are fully safeguarded;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35k. Welcomes the exchange of views of the Bureau on changing Parliaments rules governing internships offered by Members and political groups, asks the Secretary-General to report on the developments on this issue, asks the Bureau to investigate a modification of the Rules on the Use of Appropriations from Budget Item 400;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Benedek Jávor, Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. is of the opinion that in reaction to the #metoo-campaign, the Parliament should achieve zero-tolerance towards violence in any form be it structural, sexual, physical or psychological; therefore it demands:

- a complete accountability of the perpetrators with full exhaustion of

- available penalties and sanctions;*
- a creation of a central complaints office for reporting harassment cases;*
- to ensure access to an independent harassment committee in the Parliament that does not reproduce the internal structures of power by having Members on board;*
- to grant victims and those reporting a whistleblower status and protection with full anonymity and discretion with their demands;*
- the Parliament to provide psychological support for victims: the Parliament must have a central office with doctors, social workers, and counselors;*
- a mandatory training on sexual harassment and mobbing for Members and officials in positions of power;*
- training and to offer information for staff to recognise sexual harassment and to know their rights;*

Or. en

Amendment 102
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Thanks the Secretary-General for his willingness to find a solution to the problem whereby at the end of this parliamentary term APAs might have been denied the EU pension to which they would be entitled upon completion of 10 years' service, owing to circumstances beyond their and their MEPs' control (delays in signing contracts, interruption of contracts, early European

elections, etc.); calls on the SG to instruct DG PERS to seek possible solutions without delay and keep representatives of the APAs informed of, and involve them in, the process;

Or. es

Amendment 103
Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. *Is concerned that* the relatively low number of harassment complaints brought forward in 2016 both to the Advisory Committee on Harassment for staff and by APAs could imply the lack of appropriate channels; welcomes in this regard the proposal of the Secretary-General to introduce a network of confidential counsellors who can be contacted by APAs, trainees working for Members, group staff and all other staff and trainees; acknowledges that these counsellors would be selected for their expertise and inter-personal skills, and would undergo targeted training; encourages revision of the composition of the advisory committees dealing with harassment complaints, ensuring equal representation of Members, APAs and staff, and gender balance; *hopes that* an external auditor *can be appointed swiftly* in order to further improve the internal processes;

Amendment

37. *Considers whether* the relatively low number of harassment complaints brought forward in 2016 both to the Advisory Committee on Harassment for staff and by APAs could imply the lack of appropriate channels; welcomes in this regard the proposal of the Secretary-General to introduce a network of confidential counsellors who can be contacted by APAs, trainees working for Members, group staff and all other staff and trainees; acknowledges that these counsellors would be selected for their expertise and inter-personal skills, and would undergo targeted training; encourages revision of the composition of the advisory committees dealing with harassment complaints, ensuring equal representation of Members, APAs and staff, and gender balance; *invites the Bureau to examine the possibility of appointing* an external auditor in order to further improve the internal processes;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

37. ***Wonders whether*** the relatively low number of harassment complaints brought forward in 2016 both to the Advisory Committee on Harassment for staff and by APAs could imply the lack of appropriate channels; welcomes in this regard the proposal of the Secretary-General to introduce a network of confidential counsellors who can be contacted by APAs, trainees working for Members, group staff and all other staff and trainees; acknowledges that these counsellors would be selected for their expertise and inter-personal skills, and would undergo targeted training; encourages revision of the composition of the advisory committees dealing with harassment complaints, ensuring equal representation of Members, APAs and staff, and gender balance; ***invites the Bureau to examine the possibility of appointing*** an external auditor in order to further improve the internal processes;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

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channels; *stresses that there are two kind of harassment recognized by the staff regulation (psychological and sexual harassment); is of the opinion that the fight against any kind of harassment should be one of the utmost priorities of the Secretary-General*; welcomes in this regard the proposal of the Secretary-General to introduce a network of confidential counsellors who can be contacted by APAs, trainees working for Members, group staff and all other staff and trainees; acknowledges that these counsellors would be selected for their expertise and inter-personal skills, and would undergo targeted training; encourages revision of the composition of the advisory committees dealing with harassment complaints, ensuring equal representation of Members, APAs and staff, and gender balance; hopes that an external auditor can be appointed swiftly in order to further improve the internal processes;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

37. Is concerned that the relatively low number of harassment complaints brought forward in 2016 both to the Advisory Committee on Harassment for staff and by APAs could imply the lack of appropriate channels; *is of the opinion that an external audit should be implemented swiftly in accordance with what was agreed upon in the parliamentary resolution in order to further improve the internal processes*; welcomes in this regard

acknowledges that these counsellors would be selected for their expertise and inter-personal skills, and would undergo targeted training; encourages revision of the composition of the advisory committees dealing with harassment complaints, ensuring equal representation of Members, APAs and staff, and gender balance; *hopes that an external auditor can be appointed swiftly in order to further improve the internal processes;*

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Or. en

Amendment 107 **Benedek Jávor**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 37**

Motion for a resolution

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37. Is concerned that the relatively low number of harassment complaints brought forward in 2016 both to the Advisory Committee on Harassment for staff and by APAs could imply the lack of appropriate channels; welcomes in this regard the proposal of the Secretary-General to introduce a network of *independent* confidential counsellors who can be contacted by APAs, trainees working for Members, group staff and all other staff and trainees; acknowledges that these counsellors would be selected for their expertise and inter-personal skills, and would undergo targeted training; encourages revision of the composition of the advisory committees dealing with harassment complaints, ensuring equal representation of Members, APAs and staff, and gender balance; hopes that an external auditor can be appointed swiftly in order to further improve the internal

processes;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. *Reiterates the vulnerable position accredited parliamentary assistants and Members interns hold in respect to internal whistle-blower protection rules; cautions the Secretary-General of potential financial consequences for the Parliament's continued failure to provide the requisite whistleblower protection for APAs who report wrongdoing of Members; urges the Secretary-General to immediately address this situation;*

Or. en

Amendment 109

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37b. *Expresses the need to establish an independent disclosure, advice and referral body with sufficient budgetary resources, in order to help whistleblowers use the right channels to disclose their information on possible irregularities affecting the financial interests of the Union, while protecting their*

confidentiality and offering needed support and advice;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. Calls for weeks set aside for external parliamentary activity to be used for training courses, particularly for MEPs' assistants, including intensive language courses;

Or. es

Amendment 111
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. Notes that some missions' reimbursements are subject to very long delays and suggests that solutions as to bring them within a reasonable timeframe should be explored;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37b. *Points out once again that Parliament is practically the only institution that has not introduced flexitime in its working arrangements, something that almost all the institutions, particularly the Commission, did years ago, with the proven outcome of increased productivity and improved quality of life for staff; calls for flexitime to be incorporated into Parliament's working arrangements as soon as possible and for this committee to be kept informed of progress made towards achieving this objective;*

Or. es

Amendment 113
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37b. *Asks the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission the Report on the evaluation of the new Statute for APA drawn up following the resolution adopted on 28 April 2016 on the discharge for the financial year 2014 and referred to in article 3 of Regulation 160/2009;*

Or. en

Amendment 114
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37c. Reiterates its request to find a workable solution for those APAs that, at the end of the current term, will be lacking some time out of the 10 years' service needed in order to access pension rights due to early elections in 2014 and/or to the difficulties met by the Parliament to deal in due time with the enormous wave of new contracts because of the implementation of the new statute of the APAs in a very short time period;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37c. Reiterates - as adopted in the EP's 2015 discharge report (paragraph 89) - that, according to their income, scholarship students should be entitled to greater price reductions in EP restaurants;

Or. es

Amendment 116
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37d. Notes with great concern the fall in demand from MEPs for individual

language courses in French and, especially, Spanish and Italian, particularly since 2009; notes that only in English and German classes have numbers remained steady, and even improved; reminds the Administration of the importance of multilingualism in the process of European integration and the role the Administration should play in promoting language learning among EU citizens' elected representatives given that languages are also an essential tool for understanding and communication in the exercise of their parliamentary duties; calls on the Administration to keep Members regularly informed by appropriate means, in addition to the existing brochure and the information available online, of all the opportunities offered to them by Parliament, with particular emphasis on classes with in-house language teachers in Brussels and teachers available on demand in Strasbourg, since this is the solution with most flexibility, is most compatible with their needs and working conditions and also offers the best value for money; further urges it to come up with the necessary means to promote multilingualism in this area, including by improving the availability of in-house language teachers and putting an end to the job insecurity that many of them face; notes the transfer of the Members' Professional Training Unit from DG FINS to DG PERS with a view to creating greater synergy with the staff training unit already within DG PERS, and asks it to keep it informed of the specific results it intends to obtain from this development;

Or. es

Amendment 117
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. Takes not of the proposal for a “Medium-Term Building Strategy 2015-2019”, which was presented to the Bureau in September 2015; further acknowledges the updated proposal, which will be presented to the Bureau at the beginning of 2018, and will describe Parliament’s needs from 2019 to 2025 and beyond; underlines the need for a sound strategy regarding the future of the Paul-Henri Spaak building; stresses that the future of the Antonio Spinelli building needs to factor into the long-term strategy of the Parliament’s Brussels building strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38. Notes that the updated proposal for the Parliament’s medium-term building strategy, taking into account recent developments on the Luxembourg and Strasbourg premises, should be focused on the Brussels premises and in particular on the future of the Paul-Henri Spaak building; notes in addition that **crucial** Brexit-related factors defining the future of the building policy, such as potential consequences of Brexit on multilingualism, on the number of posts for officials in the establishment plan and on the number of Members of the European Parliament are still unknown; acknowledges that reliable planning can be

38. Notes in addition that Brexit-related factors defining the future of the building policy, such as potential consequences of Brexit on multilingualism, on the number of posts for officials in the establishment plan and on the number of Members of the European Parliament are still unknown; acknowledges that reliable planning can be done only after the Brexit process has come to its conclusion; **invites the Bureau to develop risk mitigating strategies, taking into account the need to counteract any possible disruptions that may be caused by future developments in the Brexit negotiations;**

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Or. en

Amendment 119
Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

38. Notes that the updated proposal for the Parliament's medium-term building strategy, taking into account recent developments on the Luxembourg and Strasbourg premises, should be focused on the Brussels premises and in particular on the future of the Paul-Henri Spaak building; ***invites in addition the Bureau to evaluate the age of the infrastructure and the benches in the SDM building in Strasbourg***; notes in addition that crucial Brexit-related factors defining the future of the building policy, such as potential consequences of Brexit on multilingualism, on the number of posts for officials in the establishment plan and on the number of Members of the European Parliament are still unknown; acknowledges that reliable planning can be done only after the Brexit process has come to its conclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 121

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38a. Urges the responsible services to make transparent its planning to conform with the statement by the Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the exemplary role of their buildings in the context of the Energy Efficiency Directive¹ given the approaching 2020 deadline;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Notes that most of Parliament's buildings were not designed and constructed taking into account the Eurocodes requirements for structural integrity, as those norms did not exist at the time of their construction; notes that the only buildings compliant with Eurocodes standards for structural integrity are the Willy Brandt and the Wilfried Martens buildings; *acknowledges* that the risk generated by the potential vulnerability of the structures of the different buildings is mitigated partly by operational measures taken by DG INLO and the Directorate-General for Security and Safety (DG SAFE), and that further organisational changes are foreseen to address this issue;

Amendment

40. Notes that most of Parliament's buildings were not designed and constructed taking into account the Eurocodes requirements for structural integrity, as those norms did not exist at the time of their construction; notes that the only buildings compliant with Eurocodes standards for structural integrity are the Willy Brandt and the Wilfried Martens buildings; *notes the Secretary-General's explanation* that the risk generated by the potential vulnerability of the structures of the different buildings is mitigated partly by operational measures taken by DG INLO and the Directorate-General for Security and Safety (DG SAFE), and that further organisational changes are foreseen to address this issue; *calls, nevertheless, for a full audit of the safety of the buildings in Brussels;*

Or. fr

Amendment 123

Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 40 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40a. Recalls that Parliament paid EUR 303 million between 1993 and 1995 to acquire the PHS building in Brussels; is astonished that after barely 23 years the building has reached the end of its life cycle; stresses that currently the construction of a replacement building is estimated to cost EUR 430 million;

Amendment 124
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40b. *Is concerned about the general state of the PHS building and the absence of communication on the matter from Parliament's services; calls for a safety audit to be communicated to all Members and to everyone working in the building;*

Or. fr

Amendment 125
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

41. Recalls that the Bureau adopted a proposal for ***bringing the*** Members' transport service in-house at its meeting of 11 April 2016; ***notes that the procedure for bringing the drivers' service in-house allowed for a qualitative and quantitative increase of the services provided to Members, as well as for an effective and efficient response to unforeseeable emergency situations or sudden increases in demand;***

41. Recalls that the Bureau adopted a proposal for ***bringing the*** Members' transport service in-house at its meeting of 11 April 2016; ***is of the view that the Members' transport service should be used solely to reach Parliament premises from the airport/station and back again, and that minivans and minibuses should be provided to that effect in order to optimise expenditure; points out, moreover, that Members have the option of using rail transport in Belgium free of charge;***

Or. it

Amendment 126
Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. Recalls that the Bureau adopted a proposal for bringing the Members' transport service in-house at its meeting of 11 April 2016; notes that the procedure for bringing the drivers' service in-house **allowed for** a qualitative and quantitative increase of the services provided to Members, as well as for an effective and efficient response to unforeseeable emergency situations or sudden increases in demand;

Amendment

41. Recalls that the Bureau adopted a proposal for bringing the Members' transport service in-house at its meeting of 11 April 2016; notes **with satisfaction** that the procedure for bringing the drivers' service in-house **resulted in** a qualitative and quantitative increase of the services provided to Members, as well as for an effective and efficient response to unforeseeable emergency situations or sudden increases in demand;

Or. en

Amendment 127
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment 128
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

41. Recalls that the Bureau adopted a proposal for *bringing the* Members' transport service in-house at its meeting of 11 April 2016; notes that the procedure for bringing the drivers' service in-house allowed for a qualitative and quantitative increase of the services provided to Members, as well as for an effective and efficient response to unforeseeable emergency situations or sudden increases in demand; *is, however, concerned by the diverging remuneration grades among drivers and asks the Bureau whether it plans to consider a harmonization to counteract possible unfair remuneration schemes;*

Amendment 129
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. Notes that the revision of prices in Parliament's self-service canteen was required in order to move away from subsidised services and towards a concession type of contract, where the catering provider bears the full economic and commercial risk; *welcomes* the fact that trainees in the Parliament continue to

Amendment

43. Notes that the revision of prices in Parliament's self-service canteen was required in order to move away from subsidised services and towards a concession type of contract, where the catering provider bears the full economic and commercial risk; *however, expresses its concerns about the unjustified price*

be entitled to a discount of EUR 0,50 on the main dishes in all self-service restaurants in Brussels and Luxembourg; asks DG INLO to monitor future price increases to ensure the services remain appropriately and fairly priced;

increases in the restaurants, requests an internal audit on the price raise with an average of 6%, notes the fact that trainees in the Parliament continue to be entitled to a discount of EUR 0,50 on the main dishes in all self-service restaurants in Brussels and Luxembourg, considers, however, that, taking into account their average pay levels and the high prices charged, these discounts are not sufficient to have even a minimal impact on their finances; reiterates its call on the Secretary-General to grant price reductions in line with their earnings; asks DG INLO to monitor future price increases to ensure the services remain appropriately and fairly priced;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. Notes that the revision of prices in Parliament's self-service canteen was required in order to move away from subsidised services and towards a concession type of contract, where the catering provider bears the full economic and commercial risk; welcomes the fact that trainees in the Parliament continue to be entitled to a discount of EUR 0,50 on the main dishes in all self-service restaurants in Brussels and Luxembourg; asks DG INLO to monitor future price increases to ensure the services remain appropriately and fairly priced;

Amendment

43. Notes that the revision of prices in Parliament's self-service canteen was required in order to move away from subsidised services and towards a concession type of contract, where the catering provider bears the full economic and commercial risk; welcomes the fact that trainees in the Parliament continue to be entitled to a discount of EUR 0,50 on the main dishes in all self-service restaurants in Brussels and Luxembourg **and EUR 0,80 in Strasburg**; asks DG INLO to monitor future price increases to ensure the services remain appropriately and fairly priced;

Or. en

Amendment 131
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43a. *Reiterates its deep regret regarding the decision to change the furniture in the offices of Members and their assistants in Brussels; notes that most of the furniture is perfectly serviceable and presentable, and that there is therefore absolutely no need to change it; reconsiders that feedback from a number of Members – as opposed to a general survey – is not, on its own, sufficient justification for the change, while arguments put forward by the administration on matters of taste, fashion or outdated style are equally inadequate; individual items of furniture should only be changed if there are clear signs of deterioration, major wear and tear or health risk at the workplace of a specific or general nature (such as the possible development of more ergonomic office desks or chairs);*

Or. en

Amendment 132
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43a. *Notes with regret that in 2016 the total cost of reimbursements solely for Members' travel expenses for plenary sessions in Strasbourg amounted to as much as EUR 21 352 262; calls, therefore, for the European Parliament to have a single seat, in order to reduce*

political costs and optimise parliamentary work; points out that the annual costs of Parliament's geographical dispersion range from EUR 156 million to EUR 204 million and that the annual environmental impact is estimated to be as high as 19 000 tonnes of CO2 emissions;

Or. it

Amendment 133
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43a. Calls on Parliament to provide clear information on the risks of Legionella contamination in Parliament's buildings in Brussels where the presence of the bacteria is detected;

Or. fr

Amendment 134
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43b. Reminds the Secretary-General to the outcome of the survey of the Staff Committee regarding shared offices for staff that resulted in 3000 reactions and 80% of the staff who are against shared offices; calls the Secretary-General to prepare a solution for the consultation and to follow up the results of the survey;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43b. *Regrets that the total cost of the information offices in 2016 amounted to as much as EUR 47 490 895 and calls for as many savings as possible to be made in this regard, through co-tenancies and a rationalisation of taxpayer resources;*

Or. it

Amendment 136
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43c. *Calls on the Secretary-General to develop a voluntary and transparent mobility policy that takes interests and skills of staff into account in the framework of a genuine career development strategy; several jobs are to be excluded from the mobility exercise given the specialised qualifications, e.g. the Translation assistants, sufficiently long transitional measures should be put in place and the specific situation of colleagues in the Information Offices must be taken into account, the accelerated mobility for newly recruited staff should be abolished;*

Or. en

Amendment 137
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

44. ***Acknowledges that, in relation to the new output benchmarks for interpreters, an average of 11 hours per week was set as the lowest delivery and 17 hours as the highest average delivery;*** notes that the overall average number of hours per week staff interpreters spent delivering interpretation services in their booth increased from 11:54 in 2014 to 13:25 in 2016; ***notes that 2014 was an electoral year with less need for interpretation, which makes it a non-representative year; underlines that the increase from 2014 to 2016 is also non-representative and is due to the Parliament returning to its regular rhythm of committee, group, Strasbourg and turquoise weeks;*** recalls that, when the staff regulations were revised in 2013, the weekly working time for all staff of the European institutions increased from 37,5 to 40-42 hours which resulted in an increase in the weekly working time in the interpretation service as well; ***underlines that any*** future cooperation between the trade unions and the Secretary-General ***should focus on fair working conditions, while ensuring the smooth running of parliamentary work at the same time; points out that on-going negotiations between DG INTE and the interpreters' representative are underway and urges all parties to come to an agreement that will correspond to the requirements of the European Parliament;***

Or. en

Amendment 138
Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 139
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

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appropriations for ‘other staff’ was partly explained by the increased need for external interpretation in 2016 (EUR 2,2 million up over 2015), moreover, for meetings of political groups, as well as for committee meetings, increasingly there is a lack of interpretation for all languages, finally, also the scheduling of committee meetings at irregular hours is partly attributed to the need for efficient use of interpretation capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

45a. *Calls for an urgent solution for the risk of technical and functional obsolescence of the IT systems used by DG Finance;*

Or. en

Amendment 141
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46. Recalls that the Bureau endorsed at its meeting of 26 October 2015 a new approach with the goal of enhancing client orientation and reducing the administrative burden for Members by introducing two new instruments, “the Portal” and the “e-Portal”; welcomes the implementation of

46. Recalls that the Bureau endorsed at its meeting of 26 October 2015 a new approach with the goal of enhancing client orientation and reducing the administrative burden for Members by introducing two new instruments, “the Portal” and the “e-Portal”; welcomes the implementation of

“the Portal”, a single front desk integrating all services related to financial and social entitlement formalities, which became fully operational in July 2016; notes that the electronic on-line version of the front desk, “the e-Portal”, has been accessible since January 2015 with concise information regarding the rules in force and the status of Members’ rights;

“the Portal”, a single front desk integrating all services related to financial and social entitlement formalities, which became fully operational in July 2016; notes that the electronic on-line version of the front desk, “the e-Portal”, has been accessible since January 2015 with concise information regarding the rules in force and the status of Members’ rights; ***underlines that any administrative simplification should not only be achieved by shifting part of the work from the administrative staff to Members and their offices;***

Or. en

Amendment 142
Derek Vaughan, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46a. Calls for the simplification of recruitment procedures and reimbursements for missions and travel costs for local assistants; regrets that these processes are often complex and lengthy resulting in significant delays; calls on DG Fins to address this issue as a priority;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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the Parliament's travel service expires at the end of 2018 and that an open call for tender is under preparation *to select* a new travel agency to assist the Parliament in the handling and organisation of work-related travel; requests that the new contract contain strengthened conditions, in particular with regard to ticket pricing and the availability at all times of the travel service's call centre, including at weekends;

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Or. en

Amendment 144
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Notes with regret that in 2016 the total number of compliance checks conducted by the administration with regard to possible irregularities in Members' allowances concerned as many as 223 cases; calls, therefore, for greater monitoring and transparency in this regard to prevent any kind of fraud being perpetrated to the detriment of the EU budget;

Or. it

Amendment 145

**Ryszard Czarnecki, Monica Macovei, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska,
Richard Sulík**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Encourages the successor travel agency to strive to achieve the most competitive prices for the European Parliament's work-related travels;

Or. en

**Amendment 146
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes**
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution
Subheading 11 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Voluntary Pension Fund

Or. en

**Amendment 147
Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution
Subheading 11 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Voluntary Pension Fund

Or. en

**Amendment 148
Ryszard Czarnecki**

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Voluntary Pension Fund

Or. en

Amendment 149
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Voluntary Pension Fund

Or. en

Amendment 150
Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet, Esther de Lange, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Jeroen Lenaers, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Tom Vandenkendelaere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Reiterates the continuing problems regarding the voluntary pension fund and asks the Bureau and the Secretary-General to take action, in order to prevent its early exhaustion while avoiding any impact on the budget of the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47c. *Notes that the Voluntary Pension Fund was established in 1990 by the Bureau's Rules governing the additional (voluntary) pension scheme and Members were able to join it until the end of the sixth parliamentary term (13 July 2009); notes that the fund was set up to provide Members with a pension scheme due to the pre-existing lack thereof; notes that the voluntary pension fund has increased its estimated actuarial deficit from EUR 276,8 million at the end of 2015 to EUR 326,2 million at the end of 2016; takes note that Parliament is the guarantor for the payment of pension rights when and if this fund is unable to meet its obligations; observes that on 8 December 2017, the Union and the UK negotiators have reached an agreement in principle on the financial settlement relating to the Brexit, which includes that the UK will participate in the Union's annual budgets 2019 and 2020 as if it had remained in it and will contribute its share of the financing of the Union's liabilities incurred before 31 December 2020; notes that the voluntary pension scheme for Members is included as a liability on the Union balance sheet;*

Or. en

Amendment 152
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Notes that the voluntary pension fund increased its actuarial deficit to EUR 326,2 million at the end of 2016; further notes that at the end of 2016, the amount of net assets to be taken into account and the actuarial commitment amount to EUR 146,4 million and EUR 472,6 million respectively;

Or. en

Amendment 153

Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Notes that the voluntary pension fund increased its estimated actuarial deficit to EUR 326,2 million at the end of 2016; further notes that at the end of 2016 the amount of net financial assets to be taken into account and the accrued future payments obligations commitment amount to EUR 146,4 million and EUR 472,6 million respectively;

Or. en

Amendment 154

Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47b. Notes that as of end 2016, the Fund's actuarial deficit amount to EUR 326,2 million;

Amendment 155
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47b. Recalls that these projected future liabilities are spread over several decades but notes that the total amount paid in 2016 by the voluntary pension fund amounts to EUR 16,6 million;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47b. Notes that in 2016 alone the voluntary pension fund provided payments to the tune of EUR 16.6 million; regrets the huge gap that currently exists between the privileges of those who work in politics and the huge sacrifices being requested of the general public in the pensions sector; calls, accordingly, for a recalculation of the pensions paid out from the EU budget to former Members who accrued such an entitlement prior to, and following, the entry into force of the current Statute for Members;

Or. it

Amendment 157

Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47e. *Points out that for the next five years, of the number of MEPs, which will reach the age of retirement and which will be entitled to pay-outs, as they have contributed to the fund and assuming that no beneficiary is (re)elected in 2019 or otherwise takes up a vacant European mandate the number of new pensioners for the years 2018 -2022 will be: 2018: 21; 2019: 74; 2020: 21; 2021: 12; 2022: 17;*

Or. en

Amendment 158
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47b. *Considering the Fund's current level of financial assets, combined with its future yearly payment obligations and the evolution of the rate of return of its investments on the financial markets, the estimated date of insolvency of the Voluntary Pension Fund is roughly estimated to vary between 2024 and 2026;*

Or. en

Amendment 159
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47e. *Points out that this raises concerns about the possible exhaustion of the fund and that Parliament is the guarantor for the payment of pension rights when and if this fund is unable to meet its obligations;*

Or. en

Amendment 160
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47e. *Calls once again on the Bureau to make an assessment as soon as possible of the current situation of the Pension Fund; Recalls Paragraph 112 of the 2014 discharge resolution that calls for an assessment of the current situation of the pension fund; regrets that such an assessment has not yet been delivered;*

Or. en

Amendment 161
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47e. *Recalls that the Court of Justice ruled in 2013 that the decision to increase*

the age of retirement for Fund subscribers from 60 to 63 years in order to avoid the early exhaustion of the capital and to align it with the new statute for Members was valid;

Or. en

Amendment 162
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47c. Considers that, whereas national pension funds normally have to meet strict standards and are not allowed to have any actuarial deficit at all, the voluntary pension fund is now facing an actuarial deficit of 64 % of the actuarial commitment, calls on the Secretary-General to present the Bureau with a comprehensive plan of action to avoid the early exhaustion of the fund;

Or. en

Amendment 163
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47e. Requests the secretary-general to calculate what would happen to the Fund's actuarial deficit if 25%, 50% or 75% of the current or former Members withdraw from it;

Amendment 164
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47e. Requests the secretary-general to calculate the impact of possible reductions of the monthly payments, which happens with more pension funds when the return of their investments is decreasing;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47e. Request the Bureau to increase further the retirement age from 63 to 65 or 67, as most of retirement policies and pension schemes in the member states;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47d. *Launches a “moral” call on the existing Members of the Voluntary Pension Fund to withdraw on a voluntary basis whereby the beneficiaries holding entitlements under the Fund’s scheme are invited them to voluntary reduce or relinquish their legally protected rights;*

Or. en

Amendment 167

Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47c. *Points out that this raises concerns about the possible exhaustion of the fund and that Parliament is the guarantor for the payment of pension rights when and if this fund is unable to meet its obligations;*

Or. en

Amendment 168

Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47d. *Calls once again on the Bureau to make an assessment as soon as possible of the current situation of the Pension Fund; asks the Bureau urgently to reconsider its decision of 1 April 2009 according to which “Parliament would assume its legal responsibility to guarantee the right of members of the*

Scheme to the additional pension which could be retained after exhaustion of the Pension Fund” and to find solutions to reduce the deficit by introducing a premium increase or by doing appeals on former Members concerned to help on a voluntary basis in this regard by voluntarily reducing or relinquishing their Voluntary Pension;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47e. Recalls Paragraph 108 of last year’s discharge resolution that calls for an assessment of the current situation of the pension fund; welcomes the Secretary-General’s announcement that he will submit to the Bureau a plan of action concerning the Pension Fund and requests the Bureau to consider in this respect also the functioning of the Insurance Company administering the Fund, as well as to consider publishing the names of those who benefit of the Fund, insofar as this is in line with Union legislation on the protection of personal data;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Derek Vaughan, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. *Recalls Paragraph 109 of last year's discharge resolution which calls for an assessment of the current situation of the voluntary pension fund; regrets that such an assessment has not yet been delivered; notes that Parliament is the guarantor for the payment of pension rights when and if this fund is unable to meet its obligations; calls on the Secretary-General to urgently present a comprehensive plan of action to avoid the exhaustion of the fund;*

Or. en

Amendment 171
Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47c. *Regrets that the assessment of the current situation of the Pension Fund, that should have been provided by the Secretary-General is still unavailable; finds obtaining the assessment of high priority as 145 people will join the fund in five years; wishes to receive the assessment at the latest until 30 June 2018;*

Or. en

Amendment 172
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

General Expenditure Allowance

Or. en

Amendment 173
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

General Expenditure Allowance

Or. en

Amendment 174
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47d. Recalls Parliament's resolutions 5 April 2017^{1a} on Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2018 and of 25 October 2017^{1b} on the Council position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018; ; calls on Parliament's Bureau to diligently study and research lump sums (such as the general expenditure allowance) as such a scheme significantly reduces administrative burden, among other things; expects the Bureau to provide a clear overview over the benefits of this scheme; recalls that lump sum payments exist in many forms; recalls the principle of the independence of the mandate; underlines that it is the responsibility of

elected Members to use the expenditures for parliament activities and that it is possible for Members - who wish to do so - to publish their spending record of the GEA on their personal webpages; stresses the fact that the lump sum is widely used and recognised as the useful tool in Member States;

^{1a} Texts adopted, P8_TA(2017)0114.

*^{1b} Texts adopted,
P8_TA_PROV(2017)0408*

Or. en

Amendment 175
Derek Vaughan, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47b. Welcomes the creation of the Parliament's Bureau Working group on the General Expenditure Allowance; recalls the expectations formulated by Parliament in its resolution on budget 2018, calling for of a greater transparency regarding the general expenditure allowance and a need to work on a definition of more precise rules regarding the accountability of the expenditure authorised under this allowance, without generating additional costs to Parliament. Reiterates its call on the Bureau to swiftly make the following concrete changes concerning the general expenditure allowance:

-the general expenditure allowance should be handled in all cases in a separate bank account;

-all receipts pertaining to the general expenditure allowance should be kept by

Members;

- the unspent share of the general expenditure allowance should be returned at the end of the mandate;

Or. en

Amendment 176

Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47f. Welcomes the decision of the Bureau to create an ad-hoc Working Group for defining and publishing the rules concerning the use of the general expenditure allowance (GEA); reminds the Bureau that the plenary has already appealed for greater transparency and an urgent need to audit the GEA; believes any revision of the GEA should incorporate previously adopted discharge recommendations concerning transparency and financial accountability;

Or. en

Amendment 177

Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Welcomes the formation of the Bureau's working group on possible revisions to the General Expenditure Allowance (GEA); reminds the Bureau

that the plenary has already appealed for greater transparency and an urgent need to audit the GEA; believes any revision of the GEA should incorporate previously adopted plenary recommendations concerning transparency and financial accountability;

Or. en

Amendment 178

Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47b. Calls on the Bureau to make the additional concrete changes concerning the general expenditure allowance:

1. A 5% sample checks of the general expenditure allowance spending should be introduced by the Parliament's internal auditing; the final results and the findings should be part of the annual report published by the Parliament

2. The Members should publish, on an annual basis, an overview of their expenditures by category (communication costs, office rental, office supplies...);

Or. en

Amendment 179

Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47b. Welcomes the implementation of Wi-Fi access for the Parliament's visitors, which is another step towards a digitally more inclusive Parliament; points out, however, that ICT security should remain paramount and that the Parliament's internal network should be shielded from potential malicious external attacks; stresses the need for dramatic improvement in the nature of the service provided, particularly in Strasbourg, and looks forward to the necessary measures being taken in the near future;

Or. en

Amendment 180
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Invites the Bureau, in cooperation with DG ITEC, to come up with risk mitigating measures to ensure a smooth running of parliamentary work in the case of system damages or blackouts; underlines the importance of a priority list of services, according to which order services must be restored as quickly as possible so a skeleton service is still functioning in the case of a cyber attack; invites the Bureau to develop a contingency plan for long-time system blackouts; recommends that data centres diversify the sites on which their servers are located to improve security and continuity of the IT systems of the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 181

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Reminds the Parliament to fulfil its responsibility as a public institution to contribute to the security, reliability, and dependability of the common infrastructure of the Internet; calls on the Parliament to build up an Open Source Strategy similar to the one of the Commission; and to strengthen the use, reuse and sharing of software procured and produced by the Parliament and its services, taking into account existing Source Code Policies in the Union and abroad; reminds the Parliament to promote and implement the Tallinn Ministerial Declaration on eGovernment; is of the opinion that such an Open Source Strategy should comprise legal clarity for Parliament's civil servants when they make use of, or build upon existing software from Open Source projects, or when they create new software, how they can contribute back to these Open Source projects (Source Code Policies);

Or. en

Amendment 182

Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 48 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

48a. Considers that the first priority for the IT services should be to secure good

access to the internet, and that there are currently too many crashes;

Or. fr

Amendment 183
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. Acknowledges that, in the framework of the cybersecurity action plan, the “cybersecurity culture” pillar focuses on awareness-raising and training activities to ensure that the Parliament’s ICT users are informed of the risks and contribute to its first line of defence in this regard; takes note of the awareness-raising campaign concerning cybersecurity risks, which includes visual reminders throughout the Parliament’s premises, articles published on the Parliament’s internal newsletter concerning cybersecurity and information sessions for MEPs, assistants and staff;

Amendment

49. Acknowledges that, in the framework of the cybersecurity action plan, the “cybersecurity culture” pillar focuses on awareness-raising and training activities to ensure that the Parliament’s ICT users are informed of the risks and contribute to its first line of defence in this regard; takes note of the awareness-raising campaign concerning cybersecurity risks, which includes visual reminders throughout the Parliament’s premises, articles published on the Parliament’s internal newsletter concerning cybersecurity and information sessions for MEPs, assistants and staff; ***however, expresses its concern regarding the threats against cyber security; welcomes the appointment of the Chief Information Security Officer, the creation of an ICT Security Unit with a Security Management and a Security Operations team; calls on the Secretary-General to investigate the possibility of adopting a 100% in-house expertise system, also in order to avoid a high turnover rate;***

Or. en

Amendment 184
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

51a. Reiterates the call in its 2014 and 2015 discharge resolution for the creation of an emergency rapid alert system which allows DG ITEC, in collaboration with the Directorate-General for Security and Safety (DG SAFE), to send swift communications by SMS or e-mail to Members and staff that agree to their contact details being included on a communication list for use in specific emergency situations;

Or. en

Amendment 185
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

52. Acknowledges the new optimised system for organising security tasks which the Secretary-General presented to the Bureau in January 2018; acknowledges moreover that this new system takes into account the specificity of security agents' role and function, ***and is based on reconciling their professional and family life balance, promoting equality of treatment between all agents and providing a work pattern which protects security agents' health and respects their biorhythm***; hopes that an open dialogue can be maintained in order to remain attentive to the ***needs*** of this ***vulnerable*** group of staff working in a very tense security context;

52. Acknowledges the new optimised system for organising security tasks which the Secretary-General presented to the Bureau in January 2018; acknowledges moreover that this new system takes into account the specificity of security agents' role and function; hopes that an open dialogue can be maintained in order to remain attentive to the ***requirements*** of this group of staff working in a very tense security context;

Or. en

Amendment 186

Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 187

Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 52 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

52a. Welcomes the continuous efforts to work on safety and security in and around Parliament's premises; acknowledges that safety within Parliament must seek to achieve a delicate balance between taking a number of protective measures into account, and introducing an overly security conscious

regime that slows down the activity of Parliament; nevertheless, insists that Parliament's security should be further reinforced, and reiterates its call on the Secretary-General to ensure that staff are correctly trained and able to perform their tasks professionally, including in emergency situations;

Or. en

Amendment 188

Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 52 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

52b. Calls on DG SAFE's security staff, in the case of evacuations, to carefully check the entire building for which they are responsible, to ensure that is has been evacuated and provide assistance to persons who are hearing-impaired or who have any other form of disability, when people have to be evacuated;

Or. en

Amendment 189

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54. Commends the Parliament's commitment to green public procurement; notes that the "EP Implementation Guide on Green Public Procurement", which is designed to help authorising officers at the

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Parliament to successfully launch green purchasing policy and procedures, was approved in June 2016;

Parliament to successfully launch green purchasing policy and procedures, was approved in June 2016; *welcomes the installation of the inter-institutional Green Public Procurement (GPP) Helpdesk; calls for an evaluation of the introduction of criteria for a mandatory consultation of the GPP for public tenders above a certain financial threshold and/or for specific product categories;*

Or. en

Amendment 190
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. Commends the Parliament's commitment to green public procurement; notes that the "EP Implementation Guide on Green Public Procurement", which is designed to help authorising officers at the Parliament to successfully launch green purchasing policy and procedures, was approved in June 2016;

Amendment

54. Commends the Parliament's commitment to green public procurement; notes that the "EP Implementation Guide on Green Public Procurement", which is designed to help authorising officers at the Parliament to successfully launch green purchasing policy and procedures, was approved in June 2016; *notes the construction of a plant wall in the ASP building and takes the view that its benefits in no way justify its cost; calls on EMAS to seek solutions that, in addition to the ecological dimension, take account of cost/benefit ratios;*

Or. es

Amendment 191
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 a (new)

54a. *Welcomes the installation of water fountains and the new system of re-usable glass jars; notes that water fountains are poorly advertised and not yet installed in office areas; regrets, despite tender specifications to reduce plastic waste, an increased number of meals in disposable packaging was sold by Parliament catering facilities and calls for transparency on plastic waste evolution generated by catering facilities; notes that the brand of bottled drinking water distributed in Parliament meetings has changed for three times in less than two years, which does not seem in line with earlier announced tender durations and is still plastic based; recognises that the Commission has scrapped plastic bottles for drinking water and calls on the Parliament to lay out a plan to follow it, especially given its exemplary role and in the light of a European Plastic Strategy policy initiative;*

Or. en

Amendment 192
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55

55. Notes *with satisfaction* that the Bureau endorsed a road-map, proposed by the Secretary-General, to move towards an electric car fleet; acknowledges that by the end of 2017, half of all cars and minibuses for the Parliament's car fleet should be electric vehicles or plug-in hybrid vehicles, as well as that from 2018, any car newly acquired for the Parliament's car fleet

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should be a plug-in hybrid or electric; notes that in 2020, all cars in the Parliament's car fleet should be electric vehicles or plug-in hybrid vehicles, while in 2021 this should also apply to all of the Parliament's minibuses; **acknowledges moreover** that a cost-benefit analysis should be conducted before every major renewal of the car fleet;

plug-in hybrid or electric; notes that in 2020, all cars in the Parliament's car fleet should be electric vehicles or plug-in hybrid vehicles, while in 2021 this should also apply to all of the Parliament's minibuses; **strongly underlines** that a cost-benefit analysis should be conducted before every major renewal of the car fleet **and that the Budgetary Control Committee should be familiarized with the cost-benefit analysis that preceded the implementation of the road-map towards an electric car fleet;**

Or. en

Amendment 193
Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. Notes with satisfaction that the Bureau endorsed a road-map, proposed by the Secretary-General, to move towards an electric car fleet; acknowledges that by the end of 2017, half of all cars and minibuses for the Parliament's car fleet should be electric vehicles or plug-in hybrid vehicles, as well as that from 2018, any car newly acquired for the Parliament's car fleet should be a plug-in hybrid or electric; notes that in 2020, all cars in the Parliament's car fleet should be electric vehicles or plug-in hybrid vehicles, while in 2021 this should also apply to all of the Parliament's minibuses; **acknowledges moreover** that a cost-benefit analysis should be conducted before every major renewal of the car fleet;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 194

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. Notes with satisfaction that the Bureau endorsed a road-map, proposed by the Secretary-General, to move towards an electric car fleet; acknowledges that by the end of 2017, half of all cars and minibuses for the Parliament's car fleet should be electric vehicles or plug-in hybrid vehicles, as well as that from 2018, any car newly acquired for the Parliament's car fleet should be a plug-in hybrid or electric; notes that in 2020, all cars in the Parliament's car fleet should be electric vehicles or plug-in hybrid vehicles, while in 2021 this should also apply to all of the Parliament's minibuses; acknowledges moreover that a cost-benefit analysis should be conducted before every major renewal of the car fleet;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 195

Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 55 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55a. Calls on the Bureau to not limit itself to electric cars as a more environmentally-friendly solution since there are concerns regarding the production (including sufficient

*availability of the necessary resources)
and the disposal at the end of a batteries
life-cycle; regrets that Members were not
informed on an analysis regarding
alternative fuels such as bio fuels,
synthetic fuels or hydrogen fuel cells;
underlines that a diversification of an
environmentally friendly car-fleet would
lessen dependence on one supplier and
could counteract possible future supply
shortages;*

Or. en

Amendment 196

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 55 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55a. Notes that the Parliament has to conform with regional and local laws applicable and calls on the Parliament services to detail how it has implemented the Brussels regional COBRACE law, especially in the area of car parking spaces offered to employees;

Or. en

Amendment 197

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 55 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55a. Welcomes, in the context of the energy and climate policy of the Union for 2030 and beyond, additional measures to

offset unavoidable emissions; calls on the Parliament to develop further CO2 offsetting policies;

Or. en

Amendment 198
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Code of Conduct for Members

Or. fr

Amendment 199
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55a. Recalls that the Code of Conduct requires Members to declare any gifts they receive when representing Parliament in an official capacity, in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Implementing Measures for the Code of Conduct, and that such gifts are recorded in the register of gifts; wonders why in 2016 only one gift was declared, while in 2015 there were 25;

Or. fr

Amendment 200
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64a. *Takes the view that European political parties and foundations should become totally reliant on own resources and eliminate their dependency on Parliament's budget; calls, therefore, for grants and subsidies to be totally abolished, also in order to eliminate any risk of misuse and/or fraudulent use of taxpayers' money;*

Or. it

Amendment 201
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64a. *Notes with concern that, in the cases of the Alliance of European Conservatives and Reformists, the European Alliance for Freedom and the Alliance for Peace and Freedom (major) irregularities have been detected, relating to prohibited direct or indirect financing of national parties and to donations;*

Or. en

Amendment 202
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64a. *Is concerned about the recently identified irregularities which have occurred in relation to the expenditure and own resources of a number of European political parties and foundations;*

Or. nl

Amendment 203
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64b. *Expresses its concern about the reputational risk for Parliament any such irregularities constitute and is convinced of the need for quick and effective action to prevent and address any similar irregularities in the future; considers however that these irregularities are limited to a limited number of political parties and foundations; is of the opinion that these irregularities should not question the financial management of the other political parties and foundations;*

Or. en

Amendment 204
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64b. *Takes the view that Parliament's internal control needs to be strengthened;*

Or. nl

Amendment 205
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64c. *Is aware of the new regulations, namely Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 and Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1142/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014, which will start to affect the funding of European political parties and foundations for the financial year 2018, and of the important role of the newly established Authority for European political parties and European political foundations, as well as of the on-going discussions in the Bureau of the proposals of the Secretary-General to address a number of issues not resolved by those Regulations; acknowledges that the Commission proposal to amend the Regulation No 1141/2014 is an improvement, calls on Parliament's internal auditor to make a new audit report on the financing of the European political parties and foundations as soon as possible after the entry into force of the new Regulation;*

Or. en

Amendment 206
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64c. *Calls on the Secretary-General to*

report, by 1 May this year, to the committees responsible on all measures taken to combat abuse of subsidies granted;

Or. nl

Amendment 207
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64d. Calls on the Bureau, in so far as the principle of confidentiality allows it, to facilitate access to the underlying documents contained in the final reports of European political parties and foundations and, in particular the accounts and the audits undertaken;

Or. en

Amendment 208
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64d. Calls for better auditing of parties' and foundations' own resources; own resources derived from membership dues or donations are deemed not to exist and must not be directly or indirectly compensated in any form whatsoever;

Or. nl

Amendment 209
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64e. *Requests the new established Authority to submit a progress report to Parliament after its first year of activity, namely 2017; and calls on the Secretary-General to ensure that the authority will have at his disposal all necessary resources to fulfil its tasks;*

Or. en

Amendment 210
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64e. *Recommends that, when new applications for grants are submitted or where irregularities have been ascertained, it should be compulsory to obtain a bank guarantee for at least 50% of the amount to be paid;*

Or. nl

Amendment 211
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64f. *Considers that, where people are employed by parties and foundations, the*

labour law and social legislation of the Member State where the work is carried out must be fully complied with, and calls for internal audits to include analysis of this aspect;

Or. nl

Amendment 212
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64g. Does not consider it justified to award grants to political parties and foundations to which parties are affiliated that do not have, or permit, party membership, so that there is no internal democratic decision-making;

Or. nl

Amendment 213
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64h. Asks its Secretary-General to what extent and how, in the event of gross abuse of European funds, greater use can be made of the joint and several liability of board members or former board members in order to recover funds that have been used unlawfully;

Or. nl