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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Marco Valli**

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## **Amendment 1**

**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

### **Proposal for a decision 1**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Proposal for a decision*

1. Grants the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2016; / *Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2016;*

##### *Amendment*

1. Grants the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

## **Amendment 2**

**Wolf Klinz, Arndt Kohn, Nedzhmi Ali, Martina Dlabajová**

### **Proposal for a decision 1**

#### **Paragraph 1**

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##### *Amendment*

1. Grants the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

### **Amendment 3**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Proposal for a decision 1**

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###### *Amendment*

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

### **Amendment 4**

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

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###### *Amendment*

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

### **Amendment 5**

**Marco Valli**

**Proposal for a decision 1**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants the Secretary-General of the European Economic and Social Committee discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Economic and Social Committee for the financial year 2016 /***  
Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the European Economic and Social Committee discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Economic and Social Committee for the financial year 2016;

*Amendment*

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2016;

Or. it

**Amendment 6**  
**Benedek Jávor**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- ***having regard to the Judgments of the Civil Service Tribunal of 7 May 2013<sup>1a</sup>, and of 18 November 2014<sup>2a</sup> OLAF Final Case Report dated 8 October 2003, the Commission PMO department's report of 8 May 2008, Parliament's resolutions of 29 January 2004<sup>3a</sup>, 21 April 2004<sup>4a</sup>, 12 April 2005<sup>5a</sup>, 27 April 2006<sup>6a</sup>, 29 April 2015<sup>7a</sup>, 28 April 2016<sup>8a</sup>, 27 April 2017<sup>9a</sup> in support of the Committee's Internal Auditor's case.***

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<sup>1a</sup> case F-86/11(ECLI:EU:F:2011:189)

<sup>2a</sup> case F-156/12(ECLI:EU:F:2014:247)

<sup>3a</sup> (OJ L 57, 25.2.2004, p. 8)

<sup>4a</sup> (OJ L 330, 4.11.2004, p. 153)

<sup>5a</sup> (OJ L 196, 27.7.2005, p. 54)

<sup>6a</sup> (OJ L 340, 6.12.2006, p. 44)

<sup>7a</sup> (OJ L 255, 30.9.2015, p. 132)

<sup>8a</sup> (OJ L 246, 14.9.2016, p. 152)

<sup>9a</sup> (OJ L 252, 29.9.2017, p. 135)

Or. en

#### **Amendment 7**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***A. whereas in the context of the discharge procedure, the discharge authority wishes to stress the special importance of further strengthening the democratic legitimacy of the Union institutions by improving transparency and accountability and implementing the concept of performance-based budgeting and good governance of human resources;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 8**

**Arndt Kohn**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

1. ***Takes note that*** on the basis of its audit work, ***the Court of Auditors***

1. ***Welcomes the conclusion of the Court of Auditors*** on the basis of its audit

*concluded* that the payments as a whole for the year ended on 31 December 2016 for administrative and other expenditure of the institutions and bodies were free from material error;

work that the payments as a whole for the year ended on 31 December 2016 for administrative and other expenditure of the institutions and bodies were free from material error;

Or. en

## **Amendment 9** **Arndt Kohn**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 3**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

3. Notes that in 2016 the Committee had an approved budget of EUR 90 500 000 (EUR 88 900 000 in 2015), of which EUR 89 400 000 were commitment appropriations with a utilisation rate of 98,7 %; *notes* the increase of the utilisation rate in 2016;

#### *Amendment*

3. Notes that in 2016 the Committee had an approved budget of EUR 90 500 000 (EUR 88 900 000 in 2015), of which EUR 89 400 000 were commitment appropriations with a utilisation rate of 98,7 %; *welcomes* the increase of the utilisation rate in 2016;

Or. en

## **Amendment 10** **Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali, Martina Dlabajová**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 3 a (new)**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

#### *Amendment*

**3 a. Welcomes the overall prudent and sound financial management of the Committee in the 2016 budget period; expresses support for the successful paradigm shift towards performance-based budgeting in the Commission's budget planning introduced by Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva in September 2015 as part of the "EU Budget Focused on Results" initiative;**

*encourages the Committee to apply the method to its own budget-planning procedure;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 11**

**Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali, Martina Dlabajová**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3b.** *Notes that during the discharge procedure, Annual Activity reports are currently submitted to the Court of Auditors in June, submitted by the Court of Auditors to the European Parliament in October and voted in plenary by May; notes that by the time discharge is closed, if not postponed, at least 17 months have passed since the closing of annual accounts; points out that auditing in the private sector follows a much stricter timeline; stresses that the discharge procedure needs to be streamlined and sped up; requests that the Committee and the Court of Auditors follow the good example set by the private sector and proposes to set a deadline for the submission of Annual Activity reports on 31 March of the following year, a deadline for the submission for the Court of Auditor's reports on the 1st of July and subsequently vote on the discharge in the plenary session of November, thereby closing the discharge procedure within the year following the accounting year in question;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 12**



Arndt Kohn

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Stresses that the Committee's budget is purely administrative, with a large amount being used on expenditure concerning persons working within the institution and *the remaining amount* relating to buildings, furniture, equipment and miscellaneous running costs; underlines the importance of the Committee applying the performance based budget principles in its daily operations; asks the Committee to duly and regularly inform Parliament on the progress made in this matter;

*Amendment*

4. Stresses that the Committee's budget is, *despite its political activities, considered as* purely administrative, with a large amount being used on expenditure concerning persons working within the institution and relating to buildings, furniture, equipment and miscellaneous running costs; underlines the importance of the Committee applying the performance based budget principles in its daily operations; asks the Committee to duly and regularly inform Parliament on the progress made in this matter;

Or. en

**Amendment 13**

Arndt Kohn

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Underlines the importance of *a positive assessment of* the cooperation agreement between the Committee and the European Parliament; asks that the Committee's strategy strengthen connections first of all with Parliament, but also with other Union institutions;

*Amendment*

5. Underlines the importance of *deepening the cooperation with the European Parliament based on* the cooperation agreement between the Committee and the European Parliament *and asks to be kept informed of developments*; asks that the Committee's strategy strengthen connections first of all with Parliament, but also with other Union institutions;

Or. en

## Amendment 14

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 5

##### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Underlines the importance of a positive assessment of the cooperation agreement between the Committee and the European Parliament; asks that the Committee's strategy strengthen connections first of all with Parliament, but also with other Union institutions;

##### *Amendment*

5. Underlines the importance of a positive assessment of the cooperation agreement between the Committee and the European Parliament; asks that the Committee's strategy strengthen connections first of all with Parliament, but also with other Union institutions ***in order to increase the involvement of the regions in the EU legislative process***;

Or. en

## Amendment 15

Arndt Kohn

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 6

##### *Motion for a resolution*

6. Is of the opinion that a joint assessment of the budgetary savings resulting from the cooperation between the Committee and Parliament is of interest to both institutions and to Union citizens; suggests ***that*** the Committee ***propose that exercise to*** Parliament as a complement to the ongoing political strategic dialogue;

##### *Amendment*

6. Is of the opinion that a joint assessment of the budgetary savings resulting from the cooperation between the Committee and Parliament is of interest to both institutions and to Union citizens; suggests ***to*** the Committee ***and the Parliament to consider carrying out this exercise*** as a complement to the ongoing political strategic dialogue;

Or. en

## Amendment 16

Arndt Kohn

### Motion for a resolution

## Paragraph 7

### *Motion for a resolution*

7. Welcomes the administrative cooperation agreement between the Committee and the European Economic and Social Committee, which entered into force in 2016 and provides for shared translation and logistics directorates; ***considers this a good basis for potential economic savings in both committees;*** trusts that this agreement will also prompt cooperation in other areas; requests a detailed plan and description of the committees' activities in those areas; believes that this agreement will ensure also further efficiency in both committees' performance and economic savings;

### *Amendment*

7. Welcomes the administrative cooperation agreement between the Committee and the European Economic and Social Committee, which entered into force in 2016 and provides for shared translation and logistics directorates; trusts that this agreement will also prompt cooperation in other areas; requests a detailed plan and description of the committees' activities in those areas; believes that this agreement will ensure also further efficiency in both committees' performance and economic savings;

Or. en

## Amendment 17

Arndt Kohn

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 8

### *Motion for a resolution*

8. ***Notes*** that the targets set by the Committee in 2016 to increase the involvement of Parliament and the Council in activities related to the Committee's opinions have been achieved ***only modestly as far as Parliament is concerned;*** ***requests that*** the Committee ***make greater efforts in this regard;***

### *Amendment*

8. ***Welcomes the fact*** that the targets set by the Committee in 2016 to increase the involvement of Parliament and the Council in activities related to the Committee's opinions have been achieved ***and, in some cases, even surpassed;*** ***encourages*** the Committee ***and the European Parliament to reciprocally seek to improve their cooperation on common files by inviting each other's Rapporteurs to present their opinion in the respective European Parliament Committee or in the Committee of the Regions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Arndt Kohn**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8a. Welcomes the reopening of the direct access between the RMD and the REM buildings following the decision by Belgian authorities to reduce the threat level for European Institutions; believes that this will facilitate the communication and cooperation between the European Parliament and the Committee; calls on both institutions to inform Members and staff about the reopening of the passage;**

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Petri Sarvamaa, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9. Asks the Committee to ensure an overall execution rate for payments of around 90%;**

**9. Calls on the Committee to ensure an overall execution rate for payments of around 90% *at minimum*;**

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Arndt Kohn**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

9. Asks the Committee to *ensure* an overall execution rate for payments of around 90%;

9. Asks the Committee to *strive for* an overall execution rate for payments of around 90%;

Or. en

## Amendment 21 Arndt Kohn

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

#### *Motion for a resolution*

10. Notes the inclusion of data on the missions undertaken by the Committee's members in its annual activity report; *asks the Committee to provide a list of the* events attended by its members in 2016 in an annex to its annual activity report for 2017;

#### *Amendment*

10. Notes the inclusion of data on the missions undertaken by the Committee's members in its annual activity report; *welcomes the* list of events attended by its members in 2016 *provided to the Committee of Budgetary Control in annex to the answers to the written questionnaire for the discharge 2016 and asks the Committee to provide such a list for 2017* in an annex to its annual activity report for 2017;

Or. en

## Amendment 22 Ryszard Czarnecki

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

#### *Motion for a resolution*

10. Notes the inclusion of data on the missions undertaken by the Committee's members in its annual activity report; asks the Committee to provide a list of the events attended by its members in 2016 *in an annex to its annual activity report for 2017*;

#### *Amendment*

10. Notes the inclusion of data on the missions undertaken by the Committee's members in its annual activity report; asks the Committee to provide a list of the events attended by its members in 2016 *before 30 June 2018*;

**Amendment 23**

**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**10a. Notes that in the Annual Activity Report for 2016, the Committee had as target 15 file notes and studies and the result was 12; encourages the Committee to keep on working in order to fulfil the targets and invites the Committee to communicate detailed results in this regard in its annual activity report for 2017;**

**Amendment 24**

**Arndt Kohn**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

11. Is still concerned with the continued shortage of women holding senior and middle management posts; **notes** the adoption of a new five-year equal opportunities strategy foreseeing actions to strive for a more balanced gender representation, particularly in management positions; encourages the Committee to improve its performance in this regard;

11. Is still concerned with the continued shortage of women holding senior and middle management posts; **regrets the decrease of women in management positions from 37% in 2015 to 33% in 2016 due to the appointment of five officials, out of which only one is a woman; welcomes** the adoption of a new five-year equal opportunities strategy foreseeing actions to strive for a more balanced gender representation, particularly in management positions; encourages the Committee to improve its performance in this regard;

## **Amendment 25**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 11**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

11. *Is still concerned* with the continued shortage of women holding senior and middle management posts; notes the adoption of a new five-year equal opportunities strategy foreseeing actions to strive for a more balanced gender representation, particularly in management positions; encourages the Committee to improve its performance in this regard;

##### *Amendment*

11. *Observes the lack of progress* with the continued shortage of women holding senior and middle management posts; notes the adoption of a new five-year equal opportunities strategy foreseeing actions to strive for a more balanced gender representation, particularly in management positions; encourages the Committee to improve its performance in this regard;

Or. en

## **Amendment 26**

**Arndt Kohn**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 11 a (new)**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

*11a. Welcomes the Committee's compliance with targets set with regards to the inter-institutional agreement to reduce staff by 5% over the period of five years; notes that as a result of the transfer of staff to the European Parliament, the Committee has reduced the number of posts in the establishment plan by almost 8%; is concerned that, as a result, the remaining resources available in each service don't allow for absorption of the additional workload in case of unforeseen absences or in case of additional tasks limited in time; calls on the budgetary*

*authorities to be mindful of the long-term impact of staff cuts, in particular regarding the institution's ability to improve gender and geographical imbalances as well as the need for building on capacity of experienced officials to take over management posts, when planning the future allocation of financial resources for personnel;*

Or. en

**Amendment 27**

**Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali, Martina Dlabajová**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*11a. Observes that the 5% staff reduction agreement has led to institutions increasingly hiring staff with temporary contracts; regrets that internal competitions are organised with the aim and result of retaining staff that have previously held the same position under previous temporary contracts; considers it more cost and time efficient as well as transparent and fair if well-performing staff with temporary contracts would be switched to permanent contracts without the added financial and administrative burden of organising competitions with pre-determined outcomes at the expense of disappointing outside applicants;*

Or. en

**Amendment 28**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**



## Paragraph 12

### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Notes that the number of days of sick leave within the Committee staff has slightly decreased; underlines the importance of putting in place measures for improving wellbeing *at work* but also of duly verifying absences;

### *Amendment*

12. Notes ***with great concern*** that the number of days of sick leave within the Committee staff has ***only*** slightly decreased ***keeping in mind that already in 2015 the Committee had by far the highest rate of absence due to sick leave among all EU's "Other Institutions"***; underlines the importance of putting in place measures for improving ***the*** wellbeing ***of staff, review its HR management*** but also of duly verifying absences;

Or. en

## Amendment 29 Arndt Kohn

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

### *Motion for a resolution*

12. ***Notes that*** the number of days of sick leave within the Committee staff ***has slightly decreased***; underlines the importance of putting in place measures for improving wellbeing at work but also of duly verifying absences;

### *Amendment*

12. ***Welcomes the slight decrease of*** the number of days of sick leave within the Committee staff; underlines the importance of putting in place measures for improving wellbeing at work but also of duly verifying absences;

Or. en

## Amendment 30 Dennis de Jong

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Observes that the communication strategy of the Committee is geared

### *Amendment*

13. Observes that the communication strategy of the Committee is geared

towards reconnecting Europe with its citizens, with activities organised in several Member States and online surveys; supports the organisation of citizen dialogues and asks for a regular improvement of those initiatives, in order to duly involve Union citizens; invites the Committee to communicate detailed results in this regard in its annual activity report for 2017;

towards reconnecting Europe with its citizens, with activities organised in several Member States and online surveys; supports the organisation of citizen dialogues and asks for a regular improvement of those initiatives, in order to duly involve Union citizens, ***whilst avoiding overlap with the activities of other EU-institutions***; invites the Committee to communicate detailed results in this regard in its annual activity report for 2017;

Or. en

### Amendment 31

Arndt Kohn

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 13

###### *Motion for a resolution*

13. ***Observes that*** the communication strategy of the Committee is geared towards reconnecting Europe with its citizens, with activities organised in several Member States and online surveys; supports the organisation of citizen dialogues and asks for a regular improvement of those initiatives, in order to duly involve Union citizens; invites the Committee to communicate detailed results in this regard in its annual activity report for 2017;

###### *Amendment*

13. ***Welcomes*** the communication strategy of the Committee ***which*** is geared towards reconnecting Europe with its citizens, with activities organised in several Member States and online surveys; supports the organisation of citizen dialogues and asks for a regular improvement of those initiatives, in order to duly involve Union citizens ***and expand the outreach to all Member States***; invites the Committee to communicate detailed results in this regard in its annual activity report for 2017;

Or. en

### Amendment 32

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 13 a (new)

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**13a.** *Notes in this regard that the objective of getting a 10 % more subscribers to the Committee's eNewsletter has not been achieved, nor the objective of getting a 5 % more enrolments to the Committee's online course for regional and local authorities (MOOC), with a loss of 49 % compared to 2015; notes with concern the 30 % loss of visitors groups probably influenced by the terrorist attacks of 2016;*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**

**Arndt Kohn**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Notes that the translation output objective was not achieved and that therefore further rationalisation measures are needed; asks the Committee to include detailed information in this regard in its annual activity report for 2017;

*Amendment*

14. Notes that the translation output objective was not achieved and that therefore further rationalisation measures are needed; asks the Committee to include detailed information in this regard in its annual activity report for 2017; ***notes the increasing outsourcing rate for translation and stresses the need to assess the possibility of further inter-institutional cooperation with regard to translation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 34**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Notes that the translation output objective was not achieved and that therefore further rationalisation measures are needed; asks the Committee to include detailed information in this regard in its annual activity report for 2017;

*Amendment*

14. Notes **with concern** that the translation output objective was not achieved and that therefore further rationalisation measures are needed; asks the Committee to include detailed information in this regard in its annual activity report for 2017;

Or. en

**Amendment 35**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Notes **that one** whistleblowing file was opened in 2016 and has been forwarded to OLAF; **asks** the Committee **to keep** Parliament informed of the progress of the case;

*Amendment*

15. Notes **with concern that another** whistleblowing file was opened in 2016 and has been forwarded to OLAF; **demands that** the Committee **changes its understanding of the EU's policy on transparency and the protection of the whistle blowers and keeps the** Parliament informed of the progress of the case;

Or. en

**Amendment 36**

**Petri Sarvamaa, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Notes that one whistleblowing file was opened in 2016 and has been forwarded to OLAF; asks the Committee to keep **Parliament** informed of the **progress**

*Amendment*

15. Notes that one whistleblowing file was opened in 2016 and has been forwarded to OLAF; asks the Committee to keep **the discharge authority** informed of

*of the case;*

*the outcome and possible legal proceedings of this specific case and any other that may come;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 37**

**Wolf Klinz, Arndt Kohn, Nedzhmi Ali, Martina Dlabajová**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16. *Regrets that the whistleblower file of the Committee's former internal auditor is still not closed; insists that the Committee do its utmost to find a just, honourable and equitable settlement of the case as soon as possible; requests that the Committee keep Parliament informed of its progress;***

***deleted***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 38**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16. *Regrets that the whistleblower file of the Committee's former internal auditor is still not closed; insists that the Committee do its utmost to find a just, honourable and equitable settlement of the case as soon as possible; requests that the Committee keep Parliament informed of its progress;***

**16. *Deplores the fact that after the two Union Civil Service Tribunal's rulings<sup>1a</sup> and the European Anti-Fraud Office's ("OLAF") case report<sup>2a</sup>, the Commission's PMO department's report<sup>3a</sup> and Parliament's resolutions<sup>4a</sup> and especially after the Parliament's resolution for the 2015 discharge calling on the Committee to bring the whistleblower file of the Committee's former***

internal auditor *to* a just, honourable and equitable settlement *before the end of 2017*, the Committee *did not manage to solve the case neither has shown its sincere efforts to do so; calls on the Committee to do so before the final vote on 2016 Discharge in October 2018 in support of the Committee's Internal Auditor's case.*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Judgments of the Civil Service Tribunal of 7 May 2013, case F-86/11 (ECLI:EU:F:2011:189), and of 18 November 2014, case F-156/12 (ECLI:EU:F:2014:247)*

*<sup>2a</sup> OLAF Final Case Report dated 8 October 2003*

*<sup>3a</sup> The Commission PMO department's report of 8 May 2008*

*<sup>4a</sup> Parliament's resolutions of 29 January 2004 (OJ L 57, 25.2.2004, p. 8), 21 April 2004 (OJ L 330, 4.11.2004, p. 153), 12 April 2005 (OJ L 196, 27.7.2005, p. 54), 27 April 2006 (OJ L 340, 6.12.2006, p. 44), 29 April 2015 (OJ L 255, 30.9.2015, p. 132), 28 April 2016 (OJ L 246, 14.9.2016, p. 152) and 27 April 2017 (OJ L 252, 29.9.2017, p. 135)*

Or. en

## Amendment 39 Marco Valli

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

#### *Motion for a resolution*

16. Regrets that the whistleblower file of the Committee's former internal auditor is still not closed; insists that the Committee do its utmost to find a just, honourable and equitable settlement of the

#### *Amendment*

16. Regrets that the whistleblower file of the Committee's former internal auditor is still not closed; *stresses that, to date, the Committee has not acted on the requests addressed to it by Parliament in previous*

case as soon as possible; requests that the Committee keep Parliament informed of its progress;

*discharge resolutions; reiterates its request that the Committee officially recognise the status of internal auditor as referring to a person disclosing information in good faith within the meaning of Article 22b of the Staff Regulations;* insists that the Committee do its utmost to find a just, honourable and equitable settlement of the case as soon as possible; requests that the Committee keep Parliament informed of its progress;

Or. it

#### **Amendment 40** **Dennis de Jong**

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 16**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

16. *Regrets* that the whistleblower file of the Committee's former internal auditor is still not closed; insists that the Committee *do its utmost to* find a just, honourable and equitable settlement of the case *as soon as possible*; requests that the Committee keep Parliament informed of its progress;

##### *Amendment*

16. *Considers it unacceptable* that the whistleblower file of the Committee's former internal auditor is still not closed; insists that the Committee *must* find a just, honourable and equitable settlement of the case *without delay*; requests that the Committee keep Parliament informed of its progress;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 41** **Wolf Klinz, Arndt Kohn, Nedzhmi Ali, Martina Dlabajová**

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 16 a (new)**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

*16a. Notes that there has been a decision by the Civil Service Tribunal in the case of the Committee's former*

*internal auditor in November 2014; acknowledges that the Civil Service Tribunal ruled that the Committee must indemnify the former internal auditor yet further dismissed the allegations made by him; underlines that the Committee has promptly complied with the Tribunal's decision and paid the indemnities; considers therefore that the Committee has done its part to bring the case to a just, honourable and equitable settlement as requested by the Committee on Budget Control in the discharge report for the year 2015; notes that the former internal auditor has lodged a new case against the Committee in November 2015; notes that a hearing has taken place in December 2017 and that the Court's ruling is expected in summer 2018; observes that the Committee has no influence either on the plaintiff having lodged a new case nor on the timetable of the Court;*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**

**Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*16a. Expresses the need to establish an independent disclosure, advice and referral body with sufficient budgetary resources, in order to help whistle-blowers 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 43

Petri Sarvamaa, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 19

###### *Motion for a resolution*

19. Notes that the average time for payment to the Committee's creditors has increased from 20 days in 2015 to 26 days in 2016; calls on the Committee, to improve the average payment time to its creditors as a matter of urgency, taking into account that payments need to be made within 30 days.

###### *Amendment*

19. Notes that the average time for payment to the Committee's creditors has increased from 20 days in 2015 to 26 days in 2016; calls on the Committee, to improve the average payment time to its creditors as a matter of urgency, ***while*** taking into account that payments need to be made within 30 days; ***calls on the Committee to report to the discharge authority on the actions made in order to turn this negative trend, and the results achieved respectively;***

Or. en

#### Amendment 44

Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali, Martina Dlabajová

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 19 a (new)

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

***19a. Regrets the decision of the United Kingdom to withdraw from the European Union; observes that at this point no predictions can be made about the financial, administrative, human and other consequences related to the withdrawal, and asks the Committee and the Court of Auditors to perform impact assessments and inform Parliament on the results by the end of 2018;***

Or. en

