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2016 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Economic and Social
Committee
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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 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. 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;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Arndt Kohn

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. 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;

Or. en

Amendment 3

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

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 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;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Marco Valli

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

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Amendment

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;

Or. it

Amendment 5

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 6

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 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;

1. ***Welcomes the conclusion of the Court of Auditors*** on the basis of its audit 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 7

Wolf Klinz, Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. 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 8

Wolf Klinz, Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali

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 9

Monica Macovei, Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Takes note of the launching of reflections about the modernisation of the Committee; asks to be informed of the initiative and its developments;

Amendment

5. Takes note of the launching of reflections about the modernisation of the Committee; asks to be informed of the initiative and its developments; *asks the Committee to provide the discharge authority with clarifications of expenditure in connection to this modernisation, in order to boost transparency and accountability and publish the cost-benefits assessment;*

Or. en

Amendment 10

Monica Macovei, Ryszard Czarnecki, Dennis de Jong, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Is concerned with the high amount of expenditure related to travel expenses and allowances of the Committee members; ***notes that the final appropriations for travel and subsistence allowances for members were EUR 19 561 194; calls on the Committee to provide a detailed breakdown of members' expenditure, particularly those concerning item 1004, in its next annual activity report, and asks for the adoption of appropriate measures in order to make savings and reduce environmental pollution; urges the Committee members to increase the use of videoconference and telepresence facilities, which may contribute to economic savings, such as on travel expenses;***

Amendment

6. Is concerned with the high amount of expenditure related to travel expenses and allowances of the Committee members ***which accounted for 97,01 % (EUR 18 975 764 out of EUR 19 561 194) as well as for the delegates which accounted for 96,40 % (EUR 455 354 out of EUR 472 382); calls on the Committee to provide a detailed breakdown of members' and delegates' expenditure, particularly those concerning item 1004 by the end of June 2018; urges the Committee to immediately adopt appropriate measures in order to make savings and reduce environmental pollution; urges the Committee to reduce travel expenditure for members and delegates and asks for the cost-benefits assessment of those missions for the Union and visited countries; asks the Committee to provide the discharge authority with a list of the visited countries in 2016; asks the Committee to increase the use of video-conference and telepresence facilities, which may contribute to economic savings, such as on travel expenses;***

Or. en

Amendment 11

Arndt Kohn, Inés Ayala Sender, Zigmantas Bal ytis, Georgi Pirinski, Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. ***Is concerned with the high amount of expenditure related to travel expenses and allowances of the Committee members; notes that the final appropriations for travel and subsistence allowances for members were EUR 19 561 194; calls on the Committee to provide a***

Amendment

6. notes that the final appropriations for travel and subsistence allowances for members were EUR 19 561 194; ***welcomes the detailed breakdown of members' expenditure concerning item 1004 which the Committee submitted to the Committee on Budgetary Control and asks the***

detailed breakdown of members' expenditure, *particularly those* concerning item 1004, in its next annual activity report, *and asks for* the adoption of appropriate measures in order to make savings and reduce environmental pollution; *urges* the Committee members to *increase the* use of videoconference and telepresence facilities, which may contribute to economic savings, such as on travel expenses;

Committee to include this breakdown for the year 2017 in its next annual activity report; *encourages* the adoption of appropriate measures in order to make savings and reduce environmental pollution; *calls on* the Committee members to *assess the potential of wide* use of videoconference and telepresence facilities, which may contribute to economic savings, such as on travel expenses;

Or. en

Amendment 12 **Julia Pitera**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 6**

Motion for a resolution

6. *Is concerned with the high amount of expenditure related to travel expenses and allowances of the Committee members*; notes that the final appropriations for travel and subsistence allowances for members were EUR 19 561 194; calls on the Committee to provide a detailed breakdown of members' expenditure, particularly those concerning item 1004, in its next annual activity report, and asks for the adoption of appropriate measures in order to make savings and reduce environmental pollution; urges the Committee members to *increase the* use of videoconference and telepresence facilities, which may contribute to economic savings, such as on travel expenses;

Amendment

6. notes that the final appropriations for travel and subsistence allowances for members were EUR 19 561 194; calls on the Committee to provide a detailed breakdown of members' expenditure, particularly those concerning item 1004, in its next annual activity report, and asks for the adoption of appropriate measures in order to make savings and reduce environmental pollution; urges the Committee members to *assess the potential wider* use of videoconference and telepresence facilities, which may contribute to economic savings, such as on travel expenses;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Andrey Novakov, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. ***Is concerned with the high amount of expenditure related to travel expenses and allowances of the Committee members;*** notes that the final appropriations for travel and subsistence allowances for members were EUR 19 561 194; calls on the Committee to provide a detailed breakdown of members' expenditure, particularly those concerning item 1004, in its next annual activity report, and asks for the adoption of appropriate measures in order to make savings and reduce environmental pollution; urges the Committee members to ***increase the*** use of videoconference and telepresence facilities, which may contribute to economic savings, such as on travel expenses;

Amendment

6. Notes that the final appropriations for travel and subsistence allowances for members were EUR 19 561 194; calls on the Committee to provide a detailed breakdown of members' expenditure, particularly those concerning item 1004, in its next annual activity report, and asks for the adoption of appropriate measures in order to make savings and reduce environmental pollution; urges the Committee members to ***assess the potential of wider*** use of videoconference and telepresence facilities, which may contribute to economic savings, such as on travel expenses;

Or. en

Amendment 14
José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. ***Is concerned with the high amount of expenditure related to travel expenses and allowances of the Committee members;*** notes that the final appropriations for travel and subsistence allowances for members were EUR 19 561 194; calls on the Committee to provide a detailed breakdown of members' expenditure, particularly those concerning item 1004, in its next annual activity

Amendment

6. Notes that the final appropriations for travel and subsistence allowances for members were EUR 19 561 194; calls on the Committee to provide a detailed breakdown of members' expenditure, particularly those concerning item 1004, in its next annual activity report ***or the report on budgetary and financial management,*** and asks for the adoption of appropriate measures in order to make savings and

report, and asks for the adoption of appropriate measures in order to make savings and reduce environmental pollution; **urges** the Committee members to **increase the use of videoconference and telepresence facilities**, which may contribute to economic savings, such as on travel expenses;

reduce environmental pollution; **calls** the Committee members to **assess the potential of other instruments**, which may contribute to economic savings, such as on travel expenses;

Or. en

Amendment 15 **Dennis de Jong**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 6**

Motion for a resolution

6. Is concerned with the **high** amount of expenditure related to travel expenses and allowances of the Committee members; notes that the final appropriations for travel and subsistence allowances for members were EUR 19 561 194; calls on the Committee to provide a detailed breakdown of members' expenditure, particularly those concerning item 1004, in its next annual activity report, and asks for the adoption of appropriate measures in order to make savings and reduce environmental pollution; **urges** the Committee members to **increase** the use of videoconference and telepresence facilities, which may contribute to economic savings, such as on travel expenses;

Amendment

6. Is concerned with the amount of expenditure related to travel expenses and allowances of the Committee members; notes that the final appropriations for travel and subsistence allowances for members were EUR 19 561 194; calls on the Committee to provide a detailed breakdown of members' expenditure, particularly those concerning item 1004, in its next annual activity report, and asks for the adoption of appropriate measures in order to make savings and reduce environmental pollution, **whenever feasible**; **urges** the Committee members to **consider the option of increasing** the use of videoconference and telepresence facilities, which may contribute to economic savings, such as on travel expenses;

Or. en

Amendment 16 **Arndt Kohn**

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Observes that the Committee declares that there is scope for further developing the cooperation agreement between the Committee and the European Parliament; trusts that further development of synergies will bring positive results to both parties; takes note of the progress of the cooperation between the Committee and the European Parliament, namely the contacts between the Committee president and its Bureau and Parliament's Conference of Committee Chairs; calls *on* the Committee *to further strengthen its contacts with* the chairs and the rapporteurs of Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control in order to ensure better follow-up to the contribution *it* gives to the Union legislative process;

Amendment

7. Observes that the Committee declares that there is scope for further developing the cooperation agreement between the Committee and the European Parliament; trusts that further development of synergies will bring positive results to both parties; takes note of the progress of the cooperation between the Committee and the European Parliament, namely the contacts between the Committee president and its Bureau and Parliament's Conference of Committee Chairs; calls *for further strengthening the contacts between* the Committee *and* the chairs and the rapporteurs of Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control in order to ensure better follow-up to the contribution *the Committee* gives to the Union legislative process;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Observes that the Committee declares that there is scope for further developing the cooperation agreement between the Committee and the European Parliament; trusts that further development of synergies will bring positive results to both parties; takes note of the progress of the cooperation between the Committee and the European Parliament, namely the contacts between the Committee president and its Bureau and Parliament's Conference

Amendment

7. Observes that the Committee declares that there is scope for further developing the cooperation agreement between the Committee and the European Parliament; trusts that further development of synergies will bring positive results to both parties; takes note of the progress of the cooperation between the Committee and the European Parliament, namely the contacts between the Committee president and its Bureau and Parliament's Conference

of Committee Chairs; calls on the Committee to further strengthen its contacts with the chairs and the rapporteurs of Parliament's ***Committee on Budgetary Control*** in order to ensure better follow-up to the contribution it gives to the Union legislative process;

of Committee Chairs; calls on the Committee to further strengthen its contacts with the chairs and the rapporteurs of Parliament's ***Committees*** in order to ensure better follow-up to the contribution it gives to the Union legislative process;

Or. en

Amendment 18

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. 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 the Union citizens; ***suggests that the Committee propose that*** exercise ***to*** Parliament as part of the strategy to strengthen contacts between the two institutions; is aware that the Committee is building up a capacity in terms of policy assessment for accompanying its role in the legislative process as a consultative body; asks the Committee to submit to the discharge authority a detailed analysis of the functioning of those activities in its next annual activity report;

Amendment

8. 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 the Union citizens; ***proposes that this*** exercise ***be conducted jointly with the European*** Parliament as part of the strategy to strengthen contacts between the two institutions; is aware that the Committee is building up a capacity in terms of policy assessment for accompanying its role in the legislative process as a consultative body; asks the Committee to submit to the discharge authority a detailed analysis of the functioning of those activities in its next annual activity report;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Arndt Kohn, Inés Ayala Sender, Zigmantas Bal ytis, Georgi Pirinski, Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. 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 the Union citizens; suggests that ***the Committee propose that*** exercise ***to*** Parliament as part of the strategy to strengthen contacts between the two institutions; is aware that the Committee is building up a capacity in terms of policy assessment for accompanying its role in the legislative process as a consultative body; asks the Committee to submit to the discharge authority a detailed analysis of the functioning of those activities in its next annual activity report;

Amendment

8. 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 the Union citizens; suggests that ***this*** exercise ***be conducted jointly with the European*** Parliament as part of the strategy to strengthen contacts between the two institutions; is aware that the Committee is building up a capacity in terms of policy assessment for accompanying its role in the legislative process as a consultative body; asks the Committee to submit to the discharge authority a detailed analysis of the functioning of those activities in its next annual activity report;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Andrey Novakov, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. 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 the Union citizens; suggests that ***the Committee propose that*** exercise to Parliament as part of the strategy to strengthen contacts between the two institutions; is aware that the Committee is building up a capacity in terms of policy assessment for accompanying its role in the legislative process as a consultative body; asks the Committee to submit to the discharge authority a detailed analysis of the functioning of those activities in its next

Amendment

8. 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 the Union citizens; suggests that ***this*** exercise to ***be conducted jointly with the*** Parliament as part of the strategy to strengthen contacts between the two institutions; is aware that the Committee is building up a capacity in terms of policy assessment for accompanying its role in the legislative process as a consultative body; asks the Committee to submit to the discharge authority a detailed analysis of the functioning of those activities in its next

annual activity report;

annual activity report;

Or. en

Amendment 21

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 the 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 22

Arndt Kohn

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Notes that the agreement to transfer some Committee posts to Parliament has been concluded and that the established staff plan is complying with the interinstitutional agreement to reduce staff by 5% over the period of five years;

10. 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 8 %; 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 23

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Notes that the agreement to transfer some Committee posts to Parliament has been concluded and that the established staff plan is complying with the interinstitutional agreement to reduce staff by 5% over the period of five years;

Amendment

10. Notes that the agreement to transfer some Committee posts to *the EPRS service in the* Parliament has been concluded and that the established staff plan is complying with the interinstitutional agreement to reduce staff by 5 % over the period of five years *with a considerable decrease of 43 posts;*

Or. en

Amendment 24

Wolf Klinz, Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. 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 25

Benedek Jávör

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes a general increase of the absence rate due to sickness in the Committee; stresses the importance to put in place measures for improving wellbeing at work and asks for a closer monitoring of absences; welcomes the initiatives taken by the Committee to foster respect for human dignity in the work place;

Amendment

11. Notes a general increase of the absence rate due to sickness in the Committee; stresses the importance to put in place measures for improving wellbeing at work and asks for a closer monitoring of absences; welcomes the initiatives taken by the Committee to foster respect for human dignity in the work place; ***calls on the Committee to report back to the discharge authority on the progress achieved in staff well-being in 2017;***

Or. en

Amendment 26

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Notes a general increase of the absence rate due to sickness in the Committee; stresses the importance to put in place measures for improving wellbeing at work and asks for a closer monitoring of absences; welcomes the initiatives taken by the Committee to foster respect for human dignity in the work place;

11. Notes a general increase of the absence rate due to sickness in the Committee; stresses the importance to put in place measures for improving wellbeing at work and asks for a closer monitoring of absences; welcomes the initiatives taken by the Committee *like the creation of the figure of “confidential counsellor” to fight against harassment and* to foster respect for human dignity in the work place;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes with interest that the proportion of women holding middle management position in the Committee is above 40%; encourages the Committee to make additional efforts in order to achieve the same results insofar as senior management positions are concerned *and to do the necessary to improve the still considerable geographic imbalance;*

Amendment

12. Notes with interest that the proportion of women holding middle management position in the Committee is above 40%; encourages the Committee to make additional efforts in order to achieve the same results insofar as senior management positions are concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Petri Sarvamaa, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes with *interest* that the proportion of women holding middle

Amendment

12. Notes with *satisfaction* that the proportion of women holding middle

management position in the Committee is above 40%; encourages the Committee **to make additional efforts in order** to achieve the same results insofar as senior management positions are concerned and to do the necessary to improve the still considerable geographic imbalance;

management position in the Committee is above 40%; encourages the Committee to achieve the same results insofar as senior management positions are concerned and to do the necessary to improve the still considerable geographic imbalance;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Arndt Kohn, Inés Ayala Sender, Zigmantas Bal ytis, Georgi Pirinski, Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. **Notes with interest that** the proportion of women holding middle management position in the Committee is above 40%; encourages the Committee to make additional efforts in order to achieve the same results insofar as senior management positions are concerned and to do the necessary to **improve the still considerable** geographic imbalance;

Amendment

12. **Welcomes** the proportion of women holding middle management position in the Committee **which** is above 40%; encourages the Committee to make additional efforts in order to achieve the same results insofar as senior management positions are concerned and to do the necessary to **further reduce the** geographic imbalance;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Andrey Novakov, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes with interest that the proportion of women holding middle management position in the Committee is above 40%; encourages the Committee to make additional efforts in order to achieve the same results insofar as senior

Amendment

12. Notes with interest that the proportion of women holding middle management position in the Committee is above 40%; encourages the Committee to make additional efforts in order to achieve the same results insofar as senior

management positions are concerned and to do the necessary to *improve the still considerable* geographic imbalance;

management positions are concerned and to do the necessary to *further reduce the* geographic imbalance;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Monica Macovei, Ryszard Czarnecki, Dennis de Jong, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Is concerned that for 9 out of 22 tenders in 2016 the contracts were awarded without competition to the only company that had applied for the tender; asks the Committee to take the necessary measures to ensure a competition among tenders so that the contracts can be attributed on a competitive basis;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Arndt Kohn

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. **Notes that** the Committee media coverage **increased** by around 30% in 2016; observes the setup of the social media network and looks forward to hearing its achievements;

13. **Welcomes the increase of** the Committee media coverage by around 30 % in 2016; observes the setup of the social media network and looks forward to hearing its achievements;

Or. en

Amendment 33

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes the continued increase of the outsourcing rate of translation (from 9,74% in 2015 to 16,61% in 2016) provided for in the cooperation agreement between the Committee and the Committee of the Regions; takes note of the 2016 internal audit on translation outsourcing and of its practical implementation and restrictions, and looks forward to being informed of the internal auditor's recommendations in the next Committee annual activity report;

Amendment

15. Notes the continued increase of the outsourcing rate of translation (from 9,74 % in 2015 to 16,61 % in 2016) provided for in the cooperation agreement between the Committee and the Committee of the Regions, ***due to the higher translation output and to the reduction of staffing levels in the directorate (more than 9 % compared to 2015)***; takes note of the 2016 internal audit on translation outsourcing and of its practical implementation and restrictions, and looks forward to being informed of the internal auditor's recommendations in the next Committee annual activity report;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Monica Macovei, Ryszard Czarnecki, Dennis de Jong, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Regrets the fact that the Committee is only now preparing draft guidelines on the prevention of conflicts of interest in the context of social dialogue; notes that the draft guidelines are currently being finalised through a dialogue with the socio-professional organisations; asks the Committee to speed-up the finalisation process, to timely adopt the guidelines on the preventing of the conflict of interest including listing membership to any other organisation and to publish them on the

website;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Monica Macovei, Ryszard Czarnecki, Dennis de Jong, Richard Sulík, Petri Sarvamaa, Patricija Šulin, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Deplores the fact that neither the President, nor the Vice-Presidents and the Secretariat have published declarations of interest on the Committee's website and urges the Committee to publish them by the end of June 2018 listing membership to any other organisations; deplores the fact that members declarations of interest are published in various languages and different formats limiting the public access to them; urges the Committee to publish them in a unique format and in one of the three languages of the Union by the end of June 2018;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Monica Macovei, Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Is concerned that pursuant to Article 11 of the Staff Regulations, each new recruit is obliged to provide a statement of absence of conflicts of interest instead of declaration of conflicts of interest; underlines that it is not for

any person to state her/his absence of conflicts of interest; reiterates that a neutral body should assess the existence of conflicts of interest; urges therefore the Committee to put forward a unique and complete form of declaration of conflicts of interest to replace the declaration of absence of interest;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Monica Macovei, Ryszard Czarnecki, Dennis de Jong, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17c. Regrets the absence of provisions against “revolving doors” and urges the Committee to establish and implement severe rules against such practices;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. 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 39

Monica Macovei, Dennis de Jong, Petri Sarvamaa, Patricija Šulin, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Regrets the case linked to harassment in the Committee which cost it EUR 55 772; calls on the Committee to improve its policy in this regard in order to further prevent any form of psychological and sexual harassment.

Amendment

19. Regrets the case linked to harassment in the Committee which cost it EUR 55 772; ***regrets that 20 other staff members contacted the Committee's network of confidential counsellors with a perceived harassment-related issue***; calls on the Committee to improve its policy in this regard in order to further prevent any form of psychological and sexual harassment; ***asks the Committee to report the discharge authority on the measures envisaged to implement in improving this aspect***;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Arndt Kohn

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. ***Regrets*** the case linked to harassment in the Committee which cost it EUR 55 772; calls on the Committee to improve its policy in this regard in order to further prevent any form of psychological and sexual harassment.

Amendment

19. ***Notes*** the case linked to harassment in the Committee which cost it EUR 55 772; ***regrets the occurrence of the case but welcomes that it was duly followed-up***; calls on the Committee to improve its policy in this regard in order to further prevent any form of psychological and sexual harassment.

Amendment 41

Wolf Klinz, Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali

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;