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AMENDMENTS

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Marco Valli

2016 discharge: EU general budget - Court of Auditors
(2017/2140(DEC))

Amendment 1

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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

Or. en

Amendment 2

Arndt Kohn

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Or. en

Amendment 3

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

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 4

Marco Valli

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Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 5

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to Regulation (EU, EURATOM) 2015/1929 of the European***

Parliament and of the Council of 28 October 2015 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union,

Or. en

Amendment 6

Arndt Kohn

Motion for a resolution

Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 4 February 2014 on the future role of the Court of Auditors. The procedure on the appointment of Court of Auditors' Members: European Parliament consultation (2012/2064(INI))^{1a}***

^{1a} ***Text adopted, P7_TA(2014)0060***

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

- ***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, implementing the concept of performance-based budgeting and good governance of human resources;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Wolf Klinz, Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Notes that during the discharge procedure, Annual Activity reports are currently submitted to the Court in June, submitted by the Court 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 Court follows 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's reports on the 1st of July and subsequently to review the timetable for the discharge procedure as set down in Article 5 of Annex IV to Parliament's Rules of Procedure so that the vote on the discharge can be held in in the plenary part-session of November, thereby closing the discharge procedure within the year following the accounting year in question;*

Or. en

Amendment 9

Wolf Klinz, Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Welcomes the overall prudent and sound financial management of the Court 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 Court to apply the method to its own budget-planning procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Arndt Kohn

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Takes note of the Court's opinion No 1/2017 on the revision of the Financial Regulation where it is proposed to update the arrangement for the audit of the *decentralised* agencies; regrets that *the legislative proposal does not foresee any reduction of the excessive administrative burden that continues to be borne by the decentralised agencies; reminds the Court that the audit of the decentralised agencies "remain under the full responsibility of the Court, which manages all*

4. Takes note of the Court's opinion No 1/2017 on the revision of the Financial Regulation where it is proposed to update the arrangement for the audit of the *decentralized* agencies; regrets that *in the context of the revision of the Financial Regulation, no inter-institutional agreement could be found which would ensure a reduction of the administrative burden resulting from the current arrangement; invites the Court to make a proposal on how the current arrangement could be improved and how such an*

*administrative and procurement procedures required"*⁶ ;

improvement could contribute to the synchronization of the Court's annual report and the annual reports on the agencies;

⁶ *Agreement of the Parliament, the Council and the Commission in paragraph 54 of the Common Approach.*

Or. en

Amendment 11
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Regrets that the extent of considerations in Chapter 10 of the annual report remains limited; asks the Court to provide more detailed data on each institution in order to achieve a better view of the weaknesses of the administrative expenditures;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 12
Arndt Kohn

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Observes that the Court is complying with the interinstitutional agreement to reduce staff by 5% over a

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period of five years; *asks to be informed how this reduction matches with the 19 recruitments made in 2016;*

period of five years; *is concerned that, as a result, the remaining resources available in each service do not allow for absorption of additional workload; 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 the capacity of experienced officials to take over management posts, when planning the future allocation of financial resources for personnel;*

Or. en

Amendment 13
Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Observes that the Court is complying with the interinstitutional agreement to reduce staff by 5% over a period of five years; asks to be informed *how this reduction matches with the 19 recruitments made in 2016;*

Amendment

11. Observes *with concern* that the Court is complying with the interinstitutional agreement to reduce staff by 5% over a period of five years; asks to be informed *as to the impact of this reduction on the operational effectiveness of the Court;*

Or. pt

Amendment 14
Wolf Klinz, Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali

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 on 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 15
Arndt Kohn

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Regrets that within the members of the Court there was a gender imbalance of three women to 25 men; welcomes that the number of women went up to four in 2016; reiterates its support for the criteria for appointment of Members of the Court endorsed in its resolution on the future role of the Court of Auditors adopted on 4 February 2014^{1a};

^{1a} Text adopted, P7_TA(2014)0060

Or. en

Amendment 16

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Takes note of the creation of a post-graduation university diploma in “Audit of public organisations and policies” and a master’s degree programme on “Management of public organisations” in cooperation with the University of Lorraine; asks the Court to clarify whether the course laureates are being oriented towards a career in Union institutions and bodies;

Amendment

13. Takes note of the creation of a post-graduation university diploma in “Audit of public organisations and policies” and a master’s degree programme on “Management of public organisations” in cooperation with the University of Lorraine; asks the Court to ***provide the discharge authority with further information about the agreements related to the creation of these programmes and the results aimed for, and to*** clarify whether the course laureates are being oriented towards a career in Union institutions and bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Arndt Kohn

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

13. Takes note of the creation of a post-graduation university diploma in “Audit of public organisations and policies” and a master’s degree programme on “Management of public organisations” in cooperation with the University of Lorraine ***which both are targeted at the continuous professional development of the staff of*** the Court;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Miguel Viegas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes the increased amount of outsourced translation in 2016, particularly in August; takes note of the Court's justification and calls *for a better organisation of its internal translation services in order to generate economic savings*;

Amendment

14. Notes the increased amount of outsourced translation in 2016, particularly in August; takes note of the Court's justification and *stresses the need for an end to translation service budget cuts*;

Or. pt

Amendment 19
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

19a. 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 information on possible irregularities affecting the financial interests of the Union, while protecting their confidentiality and offering needed support and advice;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 20
Wolf Klinz, Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

20a. Regrets the decision by 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, asks the Court to perform impact assessments and inform the Parliament on the results by the end of the year 2018;

Or. en