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AMENDMENTS

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2016 discharge: European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
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Amendment 1

Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision 1

Citation 5 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

- *having regard to the actions taken up by the DG HOME and the Management Board of the European Asylum Support Office following the Parliament's decision of 18 April 2018 postponing the discharge that resulted in the resignation of Mr. José Carreira from the post of Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office on 6 June 2018;*

Or. en

Amendment 2

Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision 1

Citation 5 b (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

- *having regard to the hearing of 3 September 2018 and to the presented corrective measures already taken by the new ad interim Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office since his appointment in June 2018;*

Or. en

Amendment 3

Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the ***Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office discharge in respect of the implementation of the Office's budget for the financial year 2016/Refuses to grant the*** Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office discharge in respect of the implementation of the Office's budget for the financial year 2016;

Amendment

1. Grants the ***new ad interim*** Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office discharge in respect of the implementation of the Office's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Petri Sarvamaa

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. ***Grants the Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office discharge in respect of the implementation of the Office's budget for the financial year 2016/Refuses to grant the*** Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office discharge in respect of the implementation of the Office's budget for the financial year 2016;

Amendment

1. ***Refuses*** to grant the Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office discharge in respect of the implementation of the Office's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Underlines the importance of acting responsibly in the implementation of ***its*** budget;

Amendment

1. Underlines the importance of acting responsibly, ***in an accountable and transparent manner, and in accordance with all relevant rules and regulations,*** in

the implementation of *the Union* budget;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Welcomes the fact that the initial decision of 18 April 2018 postponing the discharge led to the strong corrective measures taken by the DG HOME, Board of Managers and the new ad interim Executive Director of the Office;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 b. Recognises that apart from the completion of the OLAF investigation against the previous leadership of the Office corrective measures taken up to date have sufficiently answered to reservations presented by the parliament in its decision of 18 April 2018 postponing the discharge;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls that an OLAF investigation is currently ongoing concerning several members of the European Asylum Support Office (the “Office”) occupying middle or senior management positions;

Amendment

3. Recalls that an OLAF investigation is currently ongoing concerning several ***former and current*** members of the European Asylum Support Office (the “Office”) occupying middle or senior management positions;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Luke Ming Flanagan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes with appreciation the decision of the Management Board of the Office on 6 June 2018 to release the Executive Director from his duties with immediate effect; welcomes the designation of an ad interim Director, not subject to the OLAF investigation;

Amendment

4. Notes with appreciation the decision of the Management Board of the Office on 6 June 2018 to release the Executive Director from his duties with immediate effect; welcomes the designation of an ad interim ***Executive*** Director, not subject to the OLAF investigation; ***regrets, however, that the Management Board didn't take this action of its own initiative much earlier in the process, thus obviating the delay in discharge;***

Or. en

Amendment 10
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the action already undertaken by the ad interim Director in

Amendment

5. Welcomes the action already undertaken by the ad interim ***Executive***

order to improve the governance structure of the Office, restore transparency and build trust; calls on the Office to prepare a roadmap presenting the way forward;

Director in order to improve the governance structure of the Office, restore transparency and build trust; calls on the Office to prepare a ***comprehensive and detailed*** roadmap presenting the way forward; ***furthermore, calls on the Office in this respect to include in the roadmap a clear plan for restoring the trust in management, especially taking into account that competent and effective management is key in view of the challenges the Office is facing in general, and in particular to make sure that the recruitment and training of the significant number of new staff foreseen for 2018 and 2019 is of such a level that the Office will have at its disposal well-motivated and high quality personnel and that there will be less turn-over of staff and its knowledge and experience are retained;***

Or. en

Amendment 11

Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the action already undertaken by the ad interim Director in order to improve the governance structure of the Office, restore transparency and build trust; calls on the Office to ***prepare*** a roadmap ***presenting the way forward***;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the action already undertaken by the ad interim ***Executive*** Director in order to improve the governance structure ***and rebuilds internal capacity*** of the Office, restore transparency and build trust; calls on the Office to ***fully implement*** a roadmap ***of which the main goals were presented to the members of the Committee on Budgetary Control at the hearing of 3 September 2018;***

Or. en

Amendment 12

Claudia Schmidt

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the action already undertaken by the ad interim Director in order to improve the governance structure of the Office, restore transparency and build trust; calls on the Office to prepare a roadmap presenting the way forward;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the action already undertaken by the ad interim **Executive** Director in order to improve the governance structure of the Office, restore transparency and build trust; ***underlines the importance of counteracting the previously detected deficiencies in legality and regularity of transactions***; calls on the Office to prepare a roadmap presenting the way forward;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on OLAF to inform the discharge authority of the outcome of the investigation as soon as it is closed ***and, in any case, before the hearing which will take place in the Committee on Budgetary Control on 3 September 2018***;

Amendment

6. Calls on OLAF to inform the discharge authority of the outcome of the investigation as soon as it is closed;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Calls on the Committee on

Budgetary Control to integrate the findings from the OLAF report in the Office's 2017 discharge report and by doing so insures that possible new recommendations to the Office are to be fully implemented;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

expects all possible actions to be taken to recover irregular payments from the budget year 2016: EUR 920.561 (procurement procedure for the provision of travel services) and EUR 592.273 (framework contract for interim services to support it in its response to the migration crisis);

Or. en

Amendment 16
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

remains concerned by the development of travel reimbursement costs; notes that in 2014, EUR 997.506 were reimbursed, in 2015 reimbursements amounted to 987.515, in 2016 reimbursements amounted to EUR 1.012.147; notes that attendees that fall into category A have specific tasks to fulfil during meetings; notes the decrease of category-A reimbursements, which dropped from 69 % in 2014 to 52 % in 2015 and 37 % in

2016; is concerned by the apparent discrepancy between an increased workload for the Office and less category-A attendees; underlines that the increase of travel costs reimbursements and the decrease of category-A attendees may indicate an arbitrary reimbursement scheme;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Notes, again, that the Office's work programme includes operational support activities of the Office in "hotspots" in some Member States; underlines the importance of this activity and stresses the wider consequences for the entire Union if tasks are not duly planned, managed and executed; strongly urges the personnel of the Office to properly assume its responsibilities regarding administrative matters and on-the-ground work;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Regrets the harm done to the EASO's image by the errors found in the aforementioned procurement procedures; reiterates that effective control can only be assured when there is full transparency

in these procedures;

Or. it

Amendment 19

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Recognises*** the action plans drawn up by the Office to remedy the issues identified by the Court, namely:

Amendment

8. ***Welcomes*** the action plans drawn up by the Office to remedy the issues identified by the Court, namely:

Or. en

Amendment 20

Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Welcomes*** the measures taken by the Office to strengthen procurement procedures, in particular the addition of senior staff and additional support staff to the procurement sector;

Amendment

9. ***Takes note of*** the measures taken by the Office to strengthen procurement procedures, in particular the addition of senior staff and additional support staff to the procurement sector; ***stresses that the activities of the Office are financed by taxpayers' money and that due diligence needs to be the first priority;***

Or. en