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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 14**

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## **Amendment 1**

**Wolf Klinz**

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

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/Refuses*** to grant the Secretary-General of the Council discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Council and of the Council for the financial year 2016;

##### *Amendment*

1. ***Refuses*** to grant the Secretary-General of the Council discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Council and of the Council for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

## **Amendment 2**

**Dennis de Jong**

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

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/Refuses*** to grant the Secretary-General of the Council discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Council and of the Council for the financial year 2016;

##### *Amendment*

1. ***Refuses*** to grant the Secretary-General of the Council discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Council and of the Council for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

## **Amendment 3**

**Luke Ming Flanagan**

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

#### **Paragraph 1**

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Council for the financial year 2016;

the financial year 2016;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 4**

**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

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

##### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/Refuses*** to grant the Secretary-General of the Council discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Council and of the Council for the financial year 2016;

##### *Amendment*

1. ***Refuses*** to grant the Secretary-General of the Council discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Council and of the Council for the financial year 2016;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 5**

**Luke Ming Flanagan**

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

##### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

3. Regrets that ***the*** Council has not replied to the observations made by Parliament in its discharge resolution of 18 April 2018<sup>7</sup> following the trend from previous years;

##### *Amendment*

3. Regrets that Council has not replied to the observations made by Parliament in its discharge resolution of 18 April 2018<sup>7</sup> following the trend from previous years ***and has thus, again, shown its disdain for Parliament and the role it is obliged to play on behalf of all Union citizens;***

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<sup>7</sup> Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2018)0125

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 6**

**Dennis de Jong**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3a. Deeply regrets that the recommendations of the Parliament have not been followed up at all and that no reason or justification has been given; insists that the Council implements the observations made in Parliament resolution 18 April 2018 (P8\_TA-PROV(2018)0125), in particular the below mentioned observations, and immediately reacts to the observations;**

Or. en

**Amendment 7**

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

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3a. Expresses support for the successful paradigm shift towards performance-based budgeting in the Commission's budget planning introduced in September 2015 as part of the "EU Budget Focused on Results" initiative; encourages the European Council and the Council to apply the method to their own budget-planning procedure;**

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. ***Regrets that the Council has not provided information on its response and progress made following the European Ombudsman strategic report on the ‘Transparency of the Council legislative process’ (OI/2/2017/TE);***

*Amendment*

5. ***Notes that Council is still working on the reply to the European Ombudsman strategic report on the ‘Transparency of the Council legislative process’ (OI/2/2017/TE), despite the fact that the European Ombudsman requested a reply to her recommendations and suggestions for improvements by 9 May 2018; acknowledges that Council engages in serious and thorough research in preparing its reply but nevertheless urges Council to respect the request of the Ombudsman; recalls that the European Ombudsman also sent her findings to Parliament and that two of its committees are currently working on a report on the findings for which reason Council is called upon to transmit its reply and findings to Parliament as soon as possible;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Reiterates its call for progress reports on building projects and a detailed breakdown of the costs incurred to date; ***insists on being informed of the costs related to the delayed completion of the Europa building;***

*Amendment*

7. Reiterates its call for progress reports on building projects and a detailed breakdown of the costs incurred to date; ***takes note of the publication of the Council Financial Activities report 2017, which puts the cost of the Europa building at EUR 312 143 710.53;***

Or. es

#### **Amendment 10**

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

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

##### **Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10a. Takes note of the decision by the United Kingdom to withdraw from the 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 European Council and the Council to perform impact assessments and inform Parliament on the results by the end of the year 2018;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 11**

**Dennis de Jong**

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

##### **Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

11. Notes that ***the*** Council replied to the Parliament proposal on the Council discharge exercise procedure on 2 May 2018 with an amended proposal, and that ***coordinators from Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control decided that exploratory exchanges should take place before a formal meeting between representatives of the two institutions is held;***

11. ***Welcomes the informal exchanges that took place between Parliament and Council in order to discuss solutions to the current impasse in respect of the discharge procedure and to improve their relationship;*** notes that Council replied to the Parliament proposal on the Council discharge exercise procedure on 2 May 2018 with an amended proposal, and that ***following an informal meeting between Parliament and Council on 10 July, the Budgetary Control Committee sent its reaction to Council's amended proposal on 21 July 2018; urges Council to react to the latest proposals from the Budgetary***

*Control Committee swiftly, so that the new arrangements for the discharge exercise can be applied as soon as possible;*

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**12.** *Welcomes the fact that Council considers it necessary to address the discharge procedure and is open to come to an agreeable solution with Parliament on how to cooperate in this matter;* **deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**13.** *Looks forward to constructive bilateral negotiations that, by maintaining the distinction between the different roles of Parliament and the Council in the discharge procedure, will find a mutually acceptable solution;* **deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Luke Ming Flanagan**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Looks forward to constructive bilateral negotiations *that, by maintaining the distinction between the different roles of Parliament and the Council in the discharge procedure, will find a mutually acceptable solution;*

*Amendment*

13. Looks forward to constructive bilateral negotiations *in which Council finally and completely acknowledges and accept the vital role of Parliament in the discharge process, leading to an end to this impasse;*

Or. en