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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2014, Section I – European Parliament (2015/2155(DEC))

Amendment 1
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. **Grants** its President discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2014;

Amendment

1. **Postpones its decision on granting** its President discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2014;

Or. it

Amendment 2
Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Ryszard Czarnecki

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas there is **permanent** scope for improvement in terms of quality, efficiency and effectiveness in the management of

Amendment

D. whereas there is **some** scope for improvement in terms of quality, efficiency and effectiveness in the management of

public finances, and scrutiny is necessary to ensure that political leadership and Parliament's administration are held accountable to Union citizens,

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Or. en

Amendment 4
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas Parliament is the only institution among all the Institutions to grant discharge not to the Secretary-General or to a Vice-President in charge but rather to its President;

Or. es

Amendment 5
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. ***Takes note of*** the Court of Auditors' recommendation that Parliament reinforce its checks on the costs reimbursed by European political parties to their affiliated organisations and develop appropriate rules for European political parties on public procurement and monitor their application through appropriate checks and better guidance;

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Or. en

Amendment 6

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari, Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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8. **Emphasises** the Court of Auditors' recommendation that Parliament reinforce its checks on the costs reimbursed by European political parties to their affiliated organisations and develop appropriate rules for European political parties on public procurement and monitor their application through appropriate checks and better guidance **and insists that there will be full transparency on the expenditure by European political parties and that in future the competent committee will examine and discuss this information in detail in the context of the ordinary discharge procedure;**

Or. en

Amendment 7

Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Takes note that there was an inconsistency between the dates of the presentation of the draft report for the EP discharge and the possibilities to table complementary question to the SG. Urges the SG to provide answers before the vote in Committee to the questions presented by the rapporteur;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Recalls that canteen services aim to provide quick restoration service to Members and staff. Is concerned by the limited space of the canteens in peak periods, in particular during plenary weeks in Strasbourg. Welcomes the availability of the new outdoor space that will partly address this whenever weather conditions allow it. Calls on the administration to further improve the Strasbourg canteen by making a more efficient use of all space available;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12c. Takes note that the secretary general only replied to the additional questions of the Members less than 24 hours before the deadline for amendments. Urges the secretary general to improve this situation;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes that Parliament started applying "fixed price contracts" for catering services; points out that the budgetary means required for catering services were quite insignificant, accounting for only 0,23 % of the annual budget; expects ***that pricing*** in Parliament catering outlets ***will remain stable following the repeated substantial increases in the prices of the menus offered***;

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Or. en

Amendment 11

Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

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Amendment

13. Notes that Parliament started applying "fixed price contracts" for catering services; points out that the budgetary means required for catering services accounting for ***4 050 000 EUR*** (0,23 % of the annual budget); ***Welcomes the Bureau's rules on the new catering services that aim to phase-out the Parliamentary subsidy. Expects stability of prices in Parliament catering outlets***;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes note that the new contracts for catering activities in Brussels concluded in 2015 do not foresee exclusivity for one catering provider any longer; ***expects that the planned smaller catering outlets in Brussels will be operated, on the basis of concessions, by small and medium-sized providers;***

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 13

Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes

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Amendment

14. Takes note that the new contracts for catering activities in Brussels concluded in 2015 do not foresee exclusivity for one catering provider any longer; expects that the planned smaller catering outlets in Brussels will be operated, on the basis of concessions, by small and medium-sized providers; ***is concerned that the selection of the replacement catering company so far did not comply with green public procurement due to the lack of information on food intolerance or possible allergic ingredients, the quality and pricing of vegetarian food and more plastic waste produced;***

Or. en

Amendment 14

Bogusław Liberadzki

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 15

Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

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Amendment

14. Takes note that the new contracts for catering activities in Brussels concluded in 2015 do not foresee exclusivity for one catering provider any longer; expects that the planned smaller catering outlets in Brussels will be operated, ***including SMEs,*** on the basis of ***diversity among the catering providers to ensure quality service at an affordable price;***

Or. en

Amendment 16

Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 17
Dennis de Jong, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes with concern that, as price levels have risen, this has led to unjustified disadvantageous pricing, especially for assistants, interns and visitors; ***stresses that the increases mean that prices in Parliament are now practically equivalent to the ones in the surrounding restaurants and bars;***

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Considers that the numerous constituency and plenary weeks represent periods during which the canteens and cafeteria facilities are not fully employed; suggests that the staff of these facilities be employed gainfully elsewhere; calls for a proposal by the administration that aligns

Amendment

deleted

procurement and subsidy procedures with the subsidy practices of other international organisations and national parliaments;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

16. Considers that the numerous constituency and plenary weeks represent periods during which the canteens and cafeteria facilities are not fully employed; suggests that the *agreements with the caterers take into account the option of employing the staff of these facilities elsewhere, when during the above-mentioned weeks not all canteens and cafeteria facilities are open;*

Or. en

Amendment 20

Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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the subsidy practices of other international organisations and national parliaments;

Or. fr

Amendment 21

Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on the administration to evaluate and propose a price scheme that combines the new rules whilst ensuring the possibility of discount to interns, with affordable price menu choices;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Regrets that the administration is not able to provide data on the variable number of meals served during the different parliamentary days and weeks; wonders how any control can be exerted on contract providers if basic information like this is not available; calls on the administration to make available to the Committee responsible the catering contract which came into force on 26 September 2015;

17. Regrets that the administration is not able to provide data on the variable number of meals served during the different parliamentary days and weeks; wonders how any control can be exerted on contract providers if basic information like this is not available; calls on the administration to make available to the Committee responsible the catering contract which came into force on 26 September 2015 ***and to provide details of the meals served;***

Or. it

Amendment 23

Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Pina Picierno, Fredrick Federley, Anneliese Dodds, Margrete Auken, Dennis de Jong, Monika Vana, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Benedek Jávor, Kateřina Konečná, Anja Hazekamp, Elly Schlein, Marietje Schaake, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Morten Messerschmidt, Josep-Maria Terricabras, Jeroen Lenaers, Frédérique Ries, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Ivan Štefanec, Lynn Boylan, Matt Carthy, Luke Ming Flanagan, Liadh Ní Riada, Igor Šoltés, Bas Eickhout, Jan Philipp Albrecht, Michaela Šojdrová, Luigi Morgano, Ashley Fox, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Xabier Benito Ziluaga, Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Miguel Urbán Crespo, Tania González Peñas, Ruža Tomašić, Glenis Willmott, Cora van Nieuwenhuizen, Ulrike Lunacek, Kostadinka Kuneva, Tomáš Zdechovský, Richard Sulík, Diane Dodds, Lara Comi, Bart Staes, Nicola Caputo, Judith Sargentini, Ivo Belet, Remo Sernagiotto, Merja Kyllönen, Richard Ashworth, Alessia Maria Mosca, Ernest Urtasun, Pascal Arimont, Marina Albiol Guzmán, Salvatore Domenico Pogliese, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Romana Tomc, Jan Zahradil, Bodil Valero, Daniel Dalton, Angelika Mlinar

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Stresses that the Court of Auditors report adopted on 11.07.2014 states that the potential saving for the EU budget would be about 114 million EUR per year if the European Parliament centralised its activities; reiterates the call on Parliament and the Council to address, in order to create long term savings, the need for a roadmap to a single seat, as stated by Parliament in several previous resolutions;

Or. en

**Amendment 24
Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Notes the reply from the Secretary-General regarding the accessibility of the ePetition application to Members and to the general public; calls on the Secretary-

General to inform it of the outcome of the Legal Service consultation and to assess the technical and budgetary cost of expanding the application's accessibility;

Or. es

Amendment 25

Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Acknowledges the quality of the exchange of views between the Vice President responsible for the budget, the Secretary-General and the Committee on Budgetary Control in the presence of the Member of the Court of Auditors and the Internal Auditor, on 4 February 2016;

Amendment

18. Acknowledges the quality of the exchange of views between the Vice President responsible for the budget, the Secretary-General and the Committee on Budgetary Control in the presence of the Member of the Court of Auditors and the Internal Auditor, on 4 February 2016; *welcomes the Secretary-General for his availability and calls for more frequent opportunities to debate with him in the committee on Budgetary Control on matters with an impact on the EP budget.*

Or. en

Amendment 26

Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

18a. Welcomes the publication of the names of service providers on each Member's home page, alongside details of the accredited parliamentary assistants and local assistants employed by the Member;

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes note of the signature of the cooperation agreement with the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on 5 February 2014;

Amendment

19. Takes note of the signature of the cooperation agreement with the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on 5 February 2014; ***calls for specific detailed provisions to be laid down concerning the functioning of the services shared by the three institutions; stresses that the implementation of the agreement must be balanced and benefit the three institutions equally; asks that the mid-term review of the agreement should include an assessment by each institution of the impact that the agreement is having in terms of human resources, synergies, added value, and substance, and to provide a detailed breakdown of the savings and/or increased budgetary expenditure resulting from the agreement, paying particular attention to staff chapters; asks to continue to be informed on the agreement follow-up;***

Or. es

Amendment 28
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls that ***Parliament will recruit a maximum of 80 members of staff who are affected by the restructuring of the committees' translation service and will***

Amendment

20. Recalls that a maximum of 80 ***officials from the EESC and the Committee of the Regions (from the translation service and assistants) will be transferred to***

work for the new European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS); *expects that* in-house production *will* increase with less budgetary means devoted to outsourcing studies, assessments or evaluations;

Parliament under this agreement, who will work for the new European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS); takes the view that this transfer should make it possible for Parliament's in-house production to increase with less budgetary means devoted to outsourcing studies, assessments or evaluations; notes with concern that, up to now, 36 officials from the EESC and 44 officials from the Committee of the Regions have been transferred to the EPRS, for the most part very near to retirement age, whereby the EESC and the Committee of the Regions will make significant savings in staff chapters while Parliament's budget will increase considerably in the short term (salaries) and in the medium and long term (pensions);

Or. es

Amendment 29
Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls that Parliament will recruit a maximum of 80 members of staff who are affected by the restructuring of the committees' translation service and will work for the new European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS); expects that in-house *production* will increase with less budgetary means devoted to outsourcing studies, assessments or evaluations;

Amendment

20. Recalls that Parliament will recruit a maximum of 80 members of staff who are affected by the restructuring of the committees' translation service and will work for the new European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS); expects that in-house *efficiency* will increase with less budgetary means devoted to outsourcing studies, assessments or evaluations;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. *Criticises* the transfer of responsibilities from the administration to the offices of Members; calls for a review by and about the administration to check which obligations (e.g. responsibility for insuring trainees) can be returned to the administration;

Amendment

21. *Deplores* the transfer of responsibilities from the administration to the offices of Members; calls for a review by and about the administration to check which obligations (e.g. responsibility for insuring trainees) can be returned to the administration;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Stresses the need to make the work of Parliament's internal decision-making bodies, in particular the Bureau, more transparent and accessible; calls for meeting agendas and minutes to be published on the Internet and forwarded to members systematically and in good time;

Or. es

Amendment 32
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Points out that the administrative burden for the offices of Members have also increased more generally and

requests a rationalisation of the forms that have to be used for internal parliamentary procedures, such as recruitment of new assistants;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. Calls for clarification about what form official and unofficial cooperation with OLAF about Members' accounts takes; points to the information passed on to third parties in at least one case; sees this as a breach of independence of Members' mandates;

Or. de

Amendment 34
Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Notes that after considerable delay, internal whistleblowing rules have been adopted and are in force since January 2016; expresses concern at the protection *afforded* to whistleblowers and calls on Parliament to ensure that their rights are fully *upheld*;

22. Notes that after considerable delay, internal whistleblowing rules have been adopted and are in force since January 2016; expresses concern at the protection *granted* to whistleblowers and calls on Parliament to ensure that their rights are fully *respected*;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that after considerable delay, internal whistleblowing rules have been adopted and are in force since January 2016; expresses concern at the protection afforded to whistleblowers and calls on Parliament to ensure that their rights are fully upheld;

Amendment

22. Notes that after considerable delay, internal whistleblowing rules have been adopted and are in force since January 2016; expresses concern at the protection afforded to whistleblowers and calls on Parliament to ensure that their rights are fully upheld; ***notes with concern that the accredited parliamentary assistants, representing a large group of potential whistleblowers, are not adequately covered by the new rules; calls on the Secretary General to remedy this issue as a matter of urgency;***

Or. en

Amendment 36
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that after considerable delay, internal whistleblowing rules have been adopted and are in force since January 2016; expresses concern at the protection afforded to whistleblowers and calls on Parliament to ensure that their rights are fully upheld;

Amendment

22. Notes that after considerable delay, internal whistleblowing rules have been adopted and are in force since January 2016; expresses concern at the protection afforded to whistleblowers and calls on Parliament to ensure that their rights are fully upheld; ***calls for the Committee on Budgetary Control to be given regular reports on court cases brought by Parliament employees on grounds of mistreatment;***

Or. it

Amendment 37

Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

22. Notes that after considerable delay, internal whistleblowing rules have been adopted and are in force since January 2016; expresses concern at the protection afforded to whistleblowers and calls on Parliament to ensure that their rights are fully upheld; ***calls on the Bureau to extend internal whistleblowing rules to accredited parliamentary assistants and local assistants;***

Or. en

Amendment 38

Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Notes that for the first time in the history of European elections, the European political parties agreed that the winning party should designate a candidate for the president of the European Commission; welcomes that the new 'Spitzenkandidat' procedure aims to address the democratic deficit of the election of the President of the European Commission and that it has positively resulted in an increase of the visibility of the role of the European Parliament as the key democratic institution of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Notes that it was difficult to differentiate fully the President's political activities from his preparation as "Spitzenkandidat" to head the Party of European Socialists in the 2014 European elections; considers that an unequivocal distinction has not been made between the two roles; calls for a clear segregation of office holders' functions and candidates for European election campaigns; regrets the at least indirect use of Parliament staff to help prepare the campaign;

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Or. fr

Amendment 40
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 41
Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 42
Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

23. Notes that, as a result of the introduction of the new "Spitzenkandidat" procedure, it was difficult to differentiate the political activities of the candidates of the European political parties from their preparation for the 2014 European elections; welcomes all the information provided by the President, which demonstrates that it was possible to differentiate his political activities as Spitzenkandidat; considers that a clear distinction should always be made between the roles of office holders (President, presidents of the political groups), MEPs and candidates for President of the

Commission; calls for a clear separation of office holders' functions and activities as candidates in European elections;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

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23. Notes that it was difficult to differentiate fully the President's political activities from his preparation as "Spitzenkandidat" to head the Party of European Socialists in the 2014 European elections; considers that an unequivocal distinction has not been made between the two roles; calls for a clear segregation of office holders' functions and candidates for European election campaigns; regrets the at least indirect use of Parliament staff to help prepare the campaign; ***regrets in this regard that the President transformed the Twitter profile of the European Parliament Presidency into his personal profile and used it in the campaign;***

Or. en

Amendment 44
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

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European Socialists in the 2014 European elections; considers that an unequivocal distinction has not been made between the two roles; calls for a clear segregation of office holders' functions and candidates for European election campaigns; regrets the at least indirect use of Parliament staff to help prepare the campaign;

European Socialists in the 2014 European elections; considers that an unequivocal distinction has not been made between the two roles; calls for a clear segregation of office holders' functions and candidates for European election campaigns; regrets the at least indirect use of Parliament staff to help prepare the campaign **and calls for action to ensure that it does not happen again in future**;

Or. it

Amendment 45

Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Mandates EPRS to conduct a comparative analysis of the legal framework governing the compatibilities of candidates that run for election campaigns in other international organisations and in the Member States (election of Prime minister, Secretary General, Chancellor, etc.);

Or. en

Amendment 46

Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Welcomes the delivered list of the missions undertaken by the President in the first six months of the election year in answer to the questionnaire concerning the 2014 discharge; would like to request

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additional information on the transportation used by the President from Brussels to these meetings and whether private flights were also chartered;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 48
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment 49

Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

24. Welcomes the delivered list of the missions undertaken by the President in the first six months of the election year in answer to the questionnaire concerning the 2014 discharge; *welcomes the* additional information on the transportation used by the President from Brussels to these meetings and *the further details of the flight* chartered to Lyon to allow the participation of the President in the 70th anniversary of the first deportations of Jewish children from Izieu to Auschwitz;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. *Notes that in the period from 22 January to 18 April, the official international missions undertaken by the President were mostly with government and official representations attached to socialist parties and organisations; calls for further information in this regard;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 51
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Notes that in the period from 22 January to 18 April, the official international missions undertaken by the President were mostly with government and official representations attached to socialist parties and organisations; calls for further information in this regard; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 52
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Notes that in the period from 22 January to 18 April, the official international missions undertaken by the President were mostly with government and official representations attached to socialist parties and organisations; calls for further information in this regard; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 53
Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Notes that in the period from 22

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January to 18 April, the official international missions undertaken by the President were mostly with government and official representations attached to socialist parties and organisations; calls for further information in *this* regard;

January to 18 April, the official international missions undertaken by the President were mostly with government and official representations attached to socialist parties and organisations; calls for further information in regard *to similar activities of other MEPs who acted as "Spitzenkandidaten"*;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Requests further information on the reasons for the President being accompanied by officials in the final days of the election campaign; requests also concrete information on the meetings that have not been listed in the answer to question 15 of the questionnaire;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 55
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Requests further information on the reasons for the President being accompanied by officials in the final days of the election campaign; requests also concrete information on the meetings that have not been listed in the answer to question 15 of the questionnaire;

deleted

Amendment 56
Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Requests further information on the reasons for the President being accompanied by officials in the final days of the election campaign; requests also concrete information on the meetings that have not been listed in the answer to question 15 of the questionnaire;

deleted

Amendment 57
Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Requests further information on the reasons for **the President being** accompanied by officials **in the final days** of the election campaign; **requests also concrete** information **on the meetings that have not been listed in the answer to question 15 of the questionnaire;**

26. Requests further information on the reasons for **all "Spitzenkandidaten", in case they were** accompanied by officials **and other statutory staff not on leave during** the election campaign; **welcomes the complementary** information given by **the President and requests the same level of transparency from the other candidates;**

Amendment 58
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Recalls its discharge resolution for the financial year 2012¹⁰, in which detailed information was called for "on how the President, as a politically neutral figure, has kept his duties in office separate from his preparations to head the Socialists and Democrats' list in the European elections, in particular with regard to the staff in his cabinet and in Parliament's information offices and to travel expenses"(par. 51);

deleted

¹⁰ *Resolution of the European Parliament, of 16 April 2014, with observations forming an integral part of its Decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012, Section I — European Parliament (OJ L 266, 5.9.2014, p. 3).*

Or. en

Amendment 59
Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Recalls its discharge resolution for the financial year 2012¹⁰, in which detailed information was called for "on how the President, as a politically neutral figure, has kept his duties in office separate from his preparations to head the Socialists and Democrats' list in the European elections, in particular with regard to the staff in his cabinet and in Parliament's information offices and to travel expenses"(par. 51);

deleted

¹⁰ *Resolution of the European Parliament, of 16 April 2014, with observations forming an integral part of its Decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012, Section I — European Parliament (OJ L 266, 5.9.2014, p. 3).*

Or. en

Amendment 60
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Recalls its discharge resolution for the financial year 2012¹, in which detailed information was called for "on how the President, as a politically neutral figure, has kept his duties in office separate from his preparations to head the Socialists and Democrats' list in the European elections, in particular with regard to the staff in his cabinet and in Parliament's information offices and to travel expenses"(par. 51);

deleted

¹⁰ *Resolution of the European Parliament, of 16 April 2014, with observations forming an integral part of its Decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012, Section I — European Parliament (OJ L 266, 5.9.2014, p. 3).*

Or. fr

Amendment 61
Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Recalls its discharge resolution for the financial year 2012¹⁰, in which detailed information was called for "on how the President, as a politically neutral figure, has kept his duties in office separate from his preparations to head the Socialists and Democrats' list in the European elections, in particular with regard to the staff in his cabinet and in Parliament's information offices and to travel expenses"(par. 51);

¹⁰ Resolution of the European Parliament, of 16 April 2014, with observations forming an integral part of its Decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012, Section I — European Parliament (OJ L 266, 5.9.2014, p. 3).

Amendment

27. Welcomes all the information received in due time which makes clear "how the President, as a politically neutral figure, has kept his duties in office separate from his preparations to head the Socialists and Democrats' list in the European elections, in particular with regard to the staff in his cabinet and in Parliament's information offices and to travel expenses" (par. 51 of the 2012 Discharge resolution¹⁰); requests the same level of information for all "Spitzenkandidaten" to the 2014 European elections;

¹⁰ Resolution of the European Parliament, of 16 April 2014, with observations forming an integral part of its Decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012, Section I — European Parliament (OJ L 266, 5.9.2014, p. 3).

Or. en

Amendment 62
Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Recalls its discharge resolution for the financial year 2012¹⁰, in which detailed information was called for "on how the President, as a politically neutral figure, has kept his duties in office separate from his preparations to head the Socialists and Democrats' list in the European elections,

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Amendment

27. Deplores the use of the 2012¹⁰ discharge procedure to gain political advantage one month before the 2014 European elections; recalls that the protection of the financial interests of the Union should be as rigorous and impartial as possible, and that it should be

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in particular with regard to the staff in his cabinet and in Parliament's information offices and to travel expenses''(par. 51);

¹⁰ Resolution of the European Parliament, of 16 April 2014, with observations forming an integral part of its Decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012, Section I — European Parliament (OJ L 266, 5.9.2014, p. 3).

avoided any campaign confrontations in order to regain the citizen's trust on the European institutions;

¹⁰ Resolution of the European Parliament, of 16 April 2014, with observations forming an integral part of its Decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012, Section I — European Parliament (OJ L 266, 5.9.2014, p. 3).

Or. en

Amendment 63
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Regrets that the budget line for the provision of drinking water in meeting rooms will expire in July 2016; regards the availability of mineral water during long meetings as appropriate, both in summer and winter; criticises the excessive savings in service provision (such as paper, coffee, drinking water, canteens); calls for a rethinking of the saving targets for the committee weeks of the Parliament that doesn't harm its working environment;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 64
Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. **Regrets** that the budget line for the provision of drinking water in meeting rooms will expire in July 2016; **regards the availability of mineral water during long meetings as appropriate, both in summer and winter; criticises the excessive savings in service provision (such as paper, coffee, drinking water, canteens); calls for a rethinking of the saving targets for the committee weeks of the Parliament that doesn't harm its working environment;**

Amendment

28. **Notes** that the budget line for the provision of drinking water in meeting rooms will expire in July 2016; **proposes the setting up of water fountains in the meeting rooms and corridors as a sustainable replacement;**

Or. en

Amendment 65

Dennis de Jong, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. **Regrets** that the budget line for the provision of drinking water in meeting rooms will expire in July 2016; regards the availability of **mineral** water during long meetings as appropriate, **both in summer and winter; criticises the excessive savings in service provision (such as paper, coffee, drinking water, canteens); calls for a rethinking of the saving targets for the committee weeks of the Parliament that doesn't harm its working environment;**

Amendment

28. **Notes** that the budget line for the provision of drinking water in meeting rooms will expire in July 2016; regards the availability of water during long meetings as appropriate;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Regrets that the budget line for the provision of drinking water in meeting rooms will expire in July 2016; regards the availability of *mineral* water during long meetings as appropriate, both in summer and winter; criticises the excessive savings in service provision (such as paper, coffee, drinking water, canteens); calls for a rethinking of the saving targets for the committee weeks of the Parliament that doesn't harm its working environment;

Amendment

28. Regrets that the budget line for the provision of drinking water in meeting rooms will expire in July 2016; regards the availability of water during long meetings as appropriate, both in summer and winter; criticises the excessive savings in service provision (such as paper, coffee, drinking water, canteens); calls for a rethinking of the saving targets for the committee weeks of the Parliament that doesn't harm its working environment;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. ***Regrets*** that the budget line for the provision of drinking water in meeting rooms will expire in July 2016; ***regards the availability of mineral*** water during long meetings ***as appropriate, both in summer and winter; criticises the excessive savings in service provision (such as paper, coffee, drinking water, canteens); calls for a rethinking of the saving targets for the committee weeks of the Parliament that doesn't harm its working environment;***

Amendment

28. ***Notes*** that the budget line for the provision of drinking water in meeting rooms will expire in July 2016; ***calls on the Parliament's administration to find a more effective way to ensure the provision of drinking water during long meetings and to do so in line with a general trend pursued in other Union bodies that would be more cost-effective and environmentally-friendly; suggests to proceed as in the case of coffee and to provide large water barrels with paper cups that would sufficiently supply meeting rooms with water and would serve as a more effective solution compared to the plastic bottles used until now;***

Or. en

Amendment 68
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Regrets that the budget line for the provision of drinking water in meeting rooms will expire in July 2016; regards the availability of mineral water during long meetings as appropriate, both in summer and winter; *criticises the excessive savings in service provision (such as paper, coffee, drinking water, canteens); calls for a rethinking of the saving targets for the committee weeks of the Parliament that doesn't harm its working environment;*

Amendment

28. Regrets that the budget line for the provision of drinking water in meeting rooms will expire in July 2016 *and that no action has been take to date to install water fountains in order to reduce the use of plastic bottles, which are a source of pollution;* regards the availability of mineral water during long meetings as appropriate, both in summer and winter; *believes there is still room for savings to be made on services provided to Parliament without adversely affecting the institution's legislative activity and working environment;*

Or. it

Amendment 69
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

28a. Notes that MEPs still use in big proportions official cars with drivers that are at their disposal; calls on the administration to provide MEPs with other options that would be in line with the trend of green mobility; calls on the administration to promote more actively the green mobility amongst all the staff of Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Recalls that the GEA is intended to cover expenditure in the Member State of election, such as a Members' office rent, equipment, supplies, documentation or logistical organisation of events; takes note that a comprehensive system of control of the Member's parliamentary mandate allowance would represent 40 to 75 new administrative posts *in the area of financial management*;

Amendment

29. Recalls that the GEA is intended to cover expenditure in the Member State of election, such as a Members' office rent, equipment, supplies, documentation or logistical organisation of events; takes note that a comprehensive system of control of the Member's parliamentary mandate allowance would represent 40 to 75 new administrative posts, *what goes against the staff reduction scheme*;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Recalls that the GEA is intended to cover expenditure in the Member State of election, such as a Members' office rent, equipment, supplies, documentation or logistical organisation of events; takes note that a comprehensive system of control of the Member's parliamentary mandate allowance would represent 40 to 75 new administrative posts in the area of financial management;

Amendment

29. Recalls that the GEA is intended to cover expenditure in the Member State of election, such as a Members' office rent, equipment, supplies, documentation or logistical organisation of events; takes note that a comprehensive system of control of the Member's parliamentary mandate allowance would represent 40 to 75 new administrative posts in the area of financial management, *with the consequent impact on the present staff reduction scheme*;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Recalls that the GEA is intended to cover *expenditure* in the Member State of election, such as a Members' office rent, equipment, supplies, documentation or logistical organisation of events; *takes note* that a comprehensive system of control of the Member's parliamentary mandate allowance would represent 40 to 75 new administrative posts in the area of financial management;

Amendment

29. Recalls that the GEA is intended to cover *expenses that are directly linked to the exercise of a Member's parliamentary mandate* in the Member State of election *and in the official seats of the European Parliament*, such as a Members' office rent, equipment, supplies, documentation or logistical organisation of events; *disputes* that a comprehensive system of control of the Member's parliamentary mandate allowance would represent 40 to 75 new administrative posts in the area of financial management; *regrets that despite various requests, in particular in the EP Discharge 2013, the Secretary General has not explored the possibilities of a more selective control system, for example random sample checks, and requests such a proposal to be elaborated without further delay;*

Or. en

Amendment 73
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Recalls that the GEA is intended to cover expenditure in the Member State of election, such as a Members' office rent, equipment, supplies, documentation or logistical organisation of events; takes note that a comprehensive system of control of the Member's parliamentary mandate allowance would represent 40 to 75 new administrative posts in the area of financial management;

Amendment

29. Recalls that the GEA is intended to cover expenditure in the Member State of election, such as a Members' office rent, equipment, supplies, documentation or logistical organisation of events; takes note that a comprehensive system of control of the Member's parliamentary mandate allowance would represent 40 to 75 new administrative posts in the area of financial management; *regrets that despite various*

requests the Secretary General did not elaborate a proposal for a more selective control system, for example by concentrating on larger expenditure, or a system of random checks, and requests such a proposal to be elaborated without further delay;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Supports the need for more transparency as regards the GEA; urges the Bureau to revise the list of expenses which may be defrayed from the GEA;

Amendment

30. Supports the need for more transparency as regards the GEA; urges the Bureau to revise the list of expenses which may be defrayed from the GEA *and to revise the rules applying to GEA in order to make them more strict; calls on bigger scrutiny and control with regard to spending of the GEA;*

Or. en

Amendment 75
Benedek Jávor, Dennis de Jong, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Supports *the need for more transparency as regards the GEA*; urges the Bureau to revise the list of expenses which may be defrayed from the GEA;

Amendment

30. Supports *full transparency regarding the GEA in order to allow the European citizens to have an insight on the general expenditure of the Members of the European Parliament*; urges the Bureau to revise the list of expenses which may be defrayed from the GEA;

Amendment 76

Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Supports the need for more transparency as regards the GEA; urges the Bureau to revise the list of expenses which may be defrayed from the GEA;

Amendment

30. Supports the need for more transparency as regards the GEA; urges the Bureau to revise the list of expenses which may be defrayed from the GEA ***and to produce a new, exhaustive list;***

Or. fr

Amendment 77

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Supports the need for ***more*** transparency as regards the GEA; urges the Bureau to revise the list of expenses which may be defrayed from the GEA;

Amendment

30. Supports the need for ***total*** transparency as regards the GEA; urges the Bureau to revise the list of expenses which may be defrayed from the GEA ***and calls for cross-checks to be made with Member States in order to ensure that the invoices submitted are accurate;***

Or. it

Amendment 78

Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Reiterates the appeal for greater transparency regarding the GEA for the Members; calls on the Bureau to work on a definition of more precise rules regarding the accountability of the expenditure authorised under this allowance, without generating additional costs;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30b. Expresses concern that the GEA is not audited and that it is paid without proper supporting documents;

Or. en

Amendment 80
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Is deeply worried that the single critical action identified by the Parliament's internal auditor concerns a better alignment of Parliament's subsidies to visitors' groups with the real costs incurred in this regard;

31. Welcomes a better alignment of Parliament's subsidies to visitors' groups with the real costs incurred in this regard; however, is deeply worried that this is the single critical action identified by the Parliament's internal auditor;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Is concerned that the expenditure for visitor's groups in 2014 is still being paid mostly in cash: expenditure of EUR 24 593 928,16 in 2013 was paid 73,14 % in cash and 26,86 % by bank transfer, while expenditure of EUR 22 281 749,46 in 2014 was paid 71,15 % in cash and 28,85 % by bank transfer;

Amendment

32. Is **deeply** concerned that the expenditure for visitor's groups in 2014 is still being paid mostly in cash: expenditure of EUR 24 593 928,16 in 2013 was paid 73,14 % in cash and 26,86 % by bank transfer, while expenditure of EUR 22 281 749,46 in 2014 was paid 71,15 % in cash and 28,85 % by bank transfer;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Notes the Court of Auditors' finding in its landscape review of the financial management of the Union budget that the practice of making cash payments for the reimbursement of costs to visitor groups was a "high risk concern"; demands therefore that cash payments be eliminated **as far as possible** when reimbursing costs to visitor groups; points out the high reputational risk for Parliament and the significant security risk entailed in making cash payments to visitor groups; acknowledges the practical concerns and calls for an evaluation of alternative and efficient methods to making cash payments before adopting new rules governing the reception of visitors' groups;

Amendment

33. Notes the Court of Auditors' finding in its landscape review of the financial management of the Union budget that the practice of making cash payments for the reimbursement of costs to visitor groups was a "high risk concern"; demands therefore that cash payments be eliminated when reimbursing costs to visitor groups; points out the high reputational risk for Parliament and the significant security risk entailed in making cash payments to visitor groups; acknowledges the practical concerns and calls for an evaluation of alternative and efficient methods to making cash payments before adopting new rules governing the reception of visitors' groups;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Notes the Court of Auditors' finding in its landscape review of the financial management of the Union budget that the practice of making cash payments for the reimbursement of costs to visitor groups was a "high risk concern"; demands therefore that cash payments be *eliminated* as far as possible when reimbursing costs to visitor groups; points out the high reputational risk for Parliament and the significant security risk entailed in making cash payments to visitor groups; acknowledges the practical concerns and calls for an evaluation of alternative and efficient methods to making *cash* payments before adopting new rules governing the reception of visitors' groups;

Amendment

33. Notes the Court of Auditors' finding in its landscape review of the financial management of the Union budget that the practice of making cash payments for the reimbursement of costs to visitor groups was a "high risk concern"; demands therefore that cash payments be *limited* as far as possible when reimbursing costs to visitor groups; points out the high reputational risk for Parliament and the significant security risk entailed in making cash payments to visitor groups; acknowledges the practical concerns and calls for an evaluation of alternative and efficient methods to making payments before adopting new rules governing the reception of visitors' groups;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Cristian Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Notes the Court of Auditors' finding in its landscape review of the financial management of the Union budget that the practice of making cash payments for the reimbursement of costs to visitor groups was a "high risk concern"; demands therefore that cash payments be eliminated as far as possible when reimbursing costs to visitor groups; points out the high

Amendment

33. Notes the Court of Auditors' finding in its landscape review of the financial management of the Union budget that the practice of making cash payments for the reimbursement of costs to visitor groups was a "high risk concern"; demands therefore that cash payments be eliminated as far as possible, *for more transparency, for accommodation and transport*, when

reputational risk for Parliament and the significant security risk entailed in making cash payments to visitor groups; acknowledges the practical concerns and calls for an evaluation of alternative and efficient methods to making cash payments before adopting new rules governing the reception of visitors' groups;

reimbursing costs to visitor groups; points out the high reputational risk for Parliament and the significant security risk entailed in making cash payments to visitor groups; acknowledges the practical concerns and calls for an *effective and real* evaluation of alternative and efficient methods to making cash payments before adopting new rules governing the reception of visitors' groups;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Underlines the need and value of informing visitor groups prior to booking of sustainable means of transport to the European Parliament; recommends to introduce different rates of reimbursement according to the chosen means of transport and their emission intensity; calls on Parliament to provide CO₂ offsetting possibility for visitor groups;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33b. In order to ensure greater transparency in the future, calls for an assessment of internalization of MEP visitors programs;

Amendment 87

Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 10

Motion for a resolution

Transparency Register

Amendment

Transparency register *and conflicts of interest*

Amendment 88

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari, Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Welcomes the *revised* Transparency register *approved by* Parliament *on April 2014*;

Amendment

34. Welcomes the *fact that the Commission has started a public consultation procedure in respect of the revision of the current* Transparency register *of the Commission and Parliament, and its extension to the Council; requests that immediately after the public consultation an Inter-Institutional Working Group be set up for preparing proposals concerning the revision of the Register, the accompanying Code of Conduct for interest representatives, and the functioning thereto*;

Amendment 89

Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35. Calls additionally for a report by the administration on which former managers, CEOs, directors and board members in relevant European NGOs are now Members of the Parliament; calls in addition for a personal declaration from those Members stating the extent to which their current political activities have been shaped by their previous engagements and whether they still receive financial, personal and administrative support from their previous employers;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 90
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35. Calls additionally for a report by the administration on which former managers, CEOs, directors and board members in relevant European NGOs are now Members of the Parliament; calls in addition for a personal declaration from those Members stating the extent to which their current political activities have been shaped by their previous engagements and whether they still receive financial, personal and administrative support from their previous employers;

35. Considers that the declarations of interests of Members together with their CVs should represent a fair and comprehensive picture of their background, financial interests and previous activities; calls for more visible publication of this data on MEP websites;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Calls additionally for a report by the administration on which former managers, CEOs, directors and board members in relevant European NGOs are now Members of the Parliament; ***calls in addition for a personal declaration from those Members stating the extent to which their current political activities have been shaped by their previous engagements and whether they still receive financial, personal and administrative support from their previous employers;***

Amendment

35. Calls additionally for a report by the administration on which former managers, CEOs, directors and board members in relevant European NGOs are now Members of the Parliament;

Or. de

Amendment 92
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. ***Calls additionally for a report by the administration on which former managers, CEOs, directors and board members in relevant European NGOs are now Members of the Parliament; calls in addition for a personal declaration from those Members stating the extent to which their current political activities have been shaped by their previous engagements and whether they still receive financial, personal and administrative support from their previous employers;***

Amendment

35. ***Considers that the declarations of interests of Members together with their CVs should represent a fair and comprehensive picture of the background, financial interests and previous activities of each Member; regrets that some Members did not include all relevant information when taking office in 2014, which can represent a reputational risk for Parliament if made public;***

Or. en

Amendment 93
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35a. Recalls the obligation of Members to immediately inform the administration of any change in their declarations of interests; regrets that the CVs and declarations of interests of the Members elected in 2014 have been uploaded to Parliament's website very lately;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35b. Urges the Parliament to adopt rules in order to disclose all input received from lobbyists/interest representatives on draft policies, laws and amendments as a 'legislative footprint'; suggests that this legislative footprint should consist of a form annexed to reports, detailing all the lobbyists with whom those in charge of a particular file have met in the process of drawing up each report, clearly indicating which lobbyists had a substantial effect on that file and a second document listing all written input received, online on their official webpage of Parliament, directly linked to the Transparency Register, and for rapporteurs to publish a legislative footprint;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35c. Calls on the Bureau to create the technical possibility for Members who wish to do so to publish on their official webpage which lobbyists they have met;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35d. Strongly believes that Article 3 of the Code of Conduct for Members should be rephrased to include a clear ban on Members holding side jobs or other paid work;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35e. Recalls the judgment of the Romanian court, in which a former MEP was sentenced to 3,5 years in jail following the cash for amendments scandal; strongly condemns such illegal practices;

Amendment 98

Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Calls for a report by the administration on the extent to which - besides economic panels - environmental and social associations, NGOs and interest groups organise events in Parliament; wonders if there are guidelines that exclude the disproportionate presence of such organisations in Parliament;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 99

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari, Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Calls for a report by the administration on the *extent to which - besides economic panels - environmental and social associations, NGOs and interest groups organise events in* Parliament; wonders if there are guidelines that exclude the disproportionate presence of such organisations in Parliament;

36. Calls for a report by the administration on the *various permanent forums between the business and financial sectors and* Parliament; wonders if there are guidelines that exclude the disproportionate presence of such organisations in Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Calls for a report by the administration on the *extent to which - besides economic panels - environmental and social associations, NGOs and interest groups organise events in Parliament; wonders if there are guidelines that exclude the disproportionate presence of such organisations in Parliament;*

Amendment

36. Calls for a report by the administration on the *use of the Parliament's premises by interest groups and other external organisations; calls on the bureau to examine the compatibility of these events with parliamentary work whilst ensuring that Parliament remains an institution open to exchange with civil society and to public debate;*

Or. en

Amendment 101
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Calls for a report by the administration on the extent to which - *besides* economic panels - environmental and social associations, NGOs and interest groups organise events in Parliament; wonders if there are guidelines that exclude the disproportionate presence of such organisations in Parliament;

Amendment

36. Calls for a report by the administration on the extent to which - *alongside* economic *and industrial* panels - environmental and social associations, NGOs and interest groups organise events in Parliament; wonders if there are guidelines that exclude the disproportionate presence of such organisations in Parliament;

Or. de

Amendment 102
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 103

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Welcomes the fact that the costs of delegations, joint parliamentary assemblies, ad hoc delegations and election observation missions outside the Union in 2014 were curbed from EUR 5 794 360 (2013) to 1 351 212 (2014) following the remarks made by Parliament in its above-mentioned discharge resolution for the financial year 2013; however, notes that some of Parliament's missions were excessively expensive, especially where distant destinations were concerned; expects those costs to be further reduced in the near future;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 104

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. **Welcomes the fact** that the costs of delegations, joint parliamentary assemblies, ad hoc delegations and election observation missions outside the Union in 2014 were curbed from EUR 5 794 360 (2013) to 1 351 212 (2014) following the remarks made by Parliament in its above-mentioned discharge resolution for the financial year 2013; **however, notes** that some of Parliament's missions were excessively expensive, especially where distant destinations were concerned; expects those costs to be further reduced in the near future;

Amendment

37. **Notes** that the costs of delegations, joint parliamentary assemblies, ad hoc delegations and election observation missions outside the Union in 2014 were curbed from EUR 5 794 360 (2013) to 1 351 212 (2014) following the remarks made by Parliament in its above-mentioned discharge resolution for the financial year 2013 **and as a result of a reduction in duty travel during the changeover from one parliamentary term to the next, when there were no delegation visits for several months; criticises the fact, nonetheless,** that some of Parliament's missions were excessively expensive, especially where distant destinations were concerned; expects those costs to be further reduced in the near future **and calls for details of the cost of each mission to be published in the annual activity report;**

Or. it

Amendment 105

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. Believes that thought should be given to how IT tools such as videoconferencing might be used to reduce the number of delegation visits;

Or. it

Amendment 106

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37b. Calls for the websites of the interparliamentary delegations to be developed and supplied with content as a matter of urgency; also considers it vital that, budget permitting, public meetings of the delegations should be broadcast live via webstreaming, as parliamentary committee meetings are;

Or. es

Amendment 107
Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38. Recalls that the new Members' research service began to provide a dedicated research capability for individual Members through briefing publications across all major policy fields; points out that in its first full year of activity the research service generated over 450 publications, responded to 1 675 requests for research from Members and dealt with 745 similar requests from Parliament's other clients; notes that this facility grants access to a large amount of pertinent information that should significantly reduce recourse to external expertise, representing a considerable saving;

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Or. fr

Amendment 108
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38a. Considers that due to the limited resources of the institution and in order to avoid duplications, the new EPRS Directorate should help and complement the existing capacities in DG IPOL and EXPO; recalls that DG IPOL and EXPO should be strengthen on its role to consolidate the core business of Parliament i.e. adoption and implementation control of the Union legislation, budget setting and budget control and international agreements; calls EPRS to focus more its activities in providing specialist support to requests of political groups and individual Members on subjects relevant to parliamentary business;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40. Requests that the **Directorate for Impact Assessment and European Added Value** improve its visibility with respect to the excellent services the unit is able to provide to Members and to their rules of engagement via email; encourages the pursuit of training sessions for advisors and assistants to Members; demands a substantial improvement in the staff resources available in this area, as this will contribute significantly to enabling the

40. Requests that the **Ex-Ante Impact Assessment Unit** improve its visibility with respect to the excellent services the unit is able to provide to **committee members and rapporteurs** and to their rules of engagement via email; encourages the pursuit of training sessions for advisors and assistants to Members; demands a substantial improvement in the staff resources available in this area, as this will contribute significantly to enabling the

Parliament to participate as an equal partner in the decision-making process;

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Or. de

Amendment 110
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. Asks for clearer qualification requirements for staff *of* the impact assessment *unit*; requests the *introduction* of specific requirements with respect to staff's ideological and political neutrality; requests that the Parliament be presented with criteria for staff selection;

Amendment

41. Asks for clearer qualification requirements for staff *particularly in sensitive functions such as, for instance, in the committee secretariats or the department for 'ex ante' impact assessment*; requests the *review* of specific requirements with respect to staff's ideological and political neutrality; requests that the Parliament be presented with criteria for staff selection;

Or. de

Amendment 111
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

41a. Welcomes the fact that there have so far been no complaints regarding one-sided impact assessments and calls on the Unit to continue to ensure neutrality in this connection;

Or. de

Amendment 112
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

41b. Is deeply concerned by the staff transferred from DG EXPO and DG IPOL to DG ERPS affecting negatively the resources available to perform critical tasks for the core parliamentary business of the institution. Given the present situation of reduction of legislative initiatives by the Commission which could undermine the role of Parliament, calls on the Secretary General to further strengthen the resources available to these services in order that Parliament effectively plays on an equal footing when dealing with the legislative development and implementation as well as budgetary responsibilities;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

41c. Urges DG EPRS to further differentiate its publications from the official positions of Parliament to avoid confusion in the public and media; welcomes the introduction of the disclaimer in all publications; calls DG EPRS to make it more visible and not only on the back page, and to introduce additional features for an easy distinction with the official adopted positions of Parliament;

Amendment 114
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Notes that VoteWatch received two grants (EUR 149 172 in 2012 and EUR 350 000 in 2013) for the co-financing of specific projects related to the European elections; requests *details of the concrete advantages* of these *sponsored* projects *for Parliament*;

Amendment

42. Notes that VoteWatch received two grants (EUR 149 172 in 2012 and EUR 350 000 in 2013) for the co-financing of specific projects related to the European elections; requests *an added value assessment* of these projects;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Dennis de Jong, Ana Gomes, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

42a. Is concerned with the lack of actual results of the Parliament's communication activities, considering the ever decreasing turn-out during European elections, as well as the general lack of knowledge in society about the role of Parliament and its activities;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. Criticizes the presentation of statistical data on explanations of vote, speeches in plenary, parliamentary questions, amendments, motions for resolutions on the Parliament website, which appear designed to prove which Members of the Parliament are supposedly "active" on platforms such as MEPRanking; calls on Parliament to stop providing the raw numbers in a statistical form and to take into account more suitable criteria to identify a Member as "active";

Amendment

43. Criticizes the presentation of statistical data on explanations of vote, speeches in plenary, parliamentary questions, amendments, motions for resolutions, **written questions to the President of the European Council, the Council, the Commission or the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy** on the Parliament website, which appear designed to prove which Members of the Parliament are supposedly "active" on platforms such as MEPRanking; calls on Parliament to stop providing the raw numbers in a statistical form and to take into account more suitable criteria to identify a Member as "active";

Or. en

Amendment 117
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

44. Notes that DG COMM is extremely vocal in calling for a reduction in expenditure and a greater stress on efficiency; calls for greater emphasis on the effective rather than costly deployment of information and communication technologies (ICT); notes that despite the large sums spent on the Parliament website, it remains complex, difficult to navigate and fails to generate the desired visibility; advises a review of the marketing strategy;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 118
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Calls for the abolition of the House of European History in a context of heavy burden of public debt and fiscal consolidation;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

48a. Considers the House of European History project to be superfluous in view of the existence of the Parliamentarium, which could accommodate a specific section on the history of European integration; calls on the Secretary-General to look at alternative uses for the Eastman Building and to consider abandoning the House of European History project;

Or. it

Amendment 120
Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

51. Recommends that the member state **where** the Parliamentary facilities are established partly finance their establishment and running costs;

Amendment

51. Recommends that the member state **in which** the Parliamentary facilities are established partly finance their establishment and running costs;

Or. en

Amendment 121
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. **Criticizes** the total cost of the LUX Prize in 2014, **which** reached an all-time high of EUR 906 902 (2013: EUR 448 000 (2012: EUR 434 421); **deeply** regrets the fact that the results of a survey on awareness of the LUX-Prize, **requested in the 2013 discharge report**, is not yet available; calls for the results of this study to be available to the public by mid-May 2016 and an official presentation of the results to be made to its Committee on Budgetary Control;

Amendment

52. **Notes that** the total cost of the LUX Prize in 2014 reached an all-time high of EUR 906 902 (2013: EUR 448 000 (2012: EUR 434 421); regrets the fact that the results of a survey on awareness of the LUX-Prize, is not yet available; calls for the results of this study to be available to the public by mid-May 2016 and an official presentation of the results to be made to its Committee on Budgetary Control;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

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fact that the results of a survey on awareness **and impact** of the LUX-Prize, requested in the 2013 discharge report, is not yet available; calls for the results of this study to be available to the public by mid-May 2016 and an official presentation of the results to be made to its Committee on Budgetary Control;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki, Silvia Costa, Petra Kammerevert, Sabine Verheyen, Helga Trüpel, Yana Toom, Curzio Maltese, Mircea Diaconu, Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 52

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Amendment

52. Takes note that the expenditure on the LUX Film Prize itself in 2014 amounted to EUR 391 506, which is significantly reduced from previous years (2013: EUR 448 000; 2012: EUR 434 421), to cover the official selection, the competition including subtitling into the 24 official languages of the Union and prints for screenings in the 28 Member States, and the award ceremony;

Reminds that advertising and promoting the LUX Film Prize, together with the Sakharov prize and women's rights, aims to illustrate Parliament's commitment to consensual values as human rights and solidarity as well as its commitment to cultural and linguistic diversity.

Acknowledges the amount of EUR 193 805 in advertising the LUX Film Prize, that reached, via social media mainly, ca. 10 million people, including 23 000 followers on Facebook.

Recognises the constant commitment from the European Parliament Information Offices (EPIOs) to the LUX Film Prize and recalls the expenditure for screenings and related events amounted to EUR 317 434 in 2014, which shows a yearly average of ca. EUR 9 000 per EPIO and EUR 9 per participant (on the basis of 35 227 participants in the Member States).

Calls for the results of the survey on awareness of the LUX Film Prize, requested in the 2013 discharge report, to be available to the public by mid-May at the latest and asks for an official presentation of the results to be made jointly to the Committee on Budgetary Control and the Committee on Culture and Education;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 52 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

52a. Calls for a careful consideration, based on the study of the impact of the LUX Prize, if the continuation of the LUX Prize is worth the expenditure;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 53 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

53a. Points out that 114 former interim staff members for the Strasbourg plenary sessions were recruited in 2014 by Parliament as contract agents; underlines that the judgement by a French court on these "intérimaires" in itself cannot justify the decision to recruit them under the staff regulations;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54a. Considers that the increase in Parliament's powers resulting from the Lisbon Treaty and the more ambitious and urgent tasks for the Union institutions in areas such as economic governance, the refugee crisis and the terrorist threat are hard to reconcile with the planned staff cuts for the period 2013-2017;

Or. es

Amendment 127
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54b. Points out that the 5% staff reduction embarked on in 2013 is in some cases jeopardising the quality of the public service provided to European citizens and

is having a negative impact on the health, motivation and individual and family well-being of staff working for Parliament; notes that these measures are causing certain positions to remain unfilled, given the decline in wages and working conditions in the European civil service;

Or. es

Amendment 128
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54c. Points out that the increase in working hours from 37.5 to 40 hours a week under the revision of the Staff Regulations is the equivalent of over 350 extra posts and that this virtually offsets the staff cuts of 5% over several years agreed as part of the reform of the Staff Regulations; calls on Parliament to present a transparent report with annual indications of planned reductions in posts and to take account of the increase in working time in so doing;

Or. de

Amendment 129
Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55. *Notes* that the proportion of female officials remains very high and has risen (59,2 % at the end of 2014, as against 58,8

55. *Welcomes the fact* that the proportion of female officials remains very high and has risen (59,2 % at the end of 2014, as

% at the end of 2013 but **accounts for** only 30 % of heads of unit 34 % of directors and 18,2 % of directors-general;

against 58,8 % at the end of 2013) but **criticises the fact that it stands at** only 30 % of heads of unit 34 % of directors and 18,2 % of directors-general;

Or. fr

Amendment 130
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. *Notes that the proportion of female officials remains very high and has risen (59,2 % at the end of 2014, as against 58,8 % at the end of 2013 but accounts for only 30 % of heads of unit 34 % of directors and 18,2 % of directors-general;*

Amendment

55. *Is concerned about the lack of parity in the Administration, where only 30 % of heads of unit, 34 % of directors and 18.2 % of directors-general are women; calls for an equal opportunities programme to be introduced, in particular for managerial posts, with a view to redressing this imbalance as quickly as possible;*

Or. fr

Amendment 131
Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

55. Notes that the proportion of female officials remains very high and has risen (59,2 % at the end of 2014, as against 58,8 % at the end of 2013 but accounts for only 30 % of heads of unit 34 % of directors and 18,2 % of directors-general; **notes with concern that 30 % of the Directors General, Directors and Heads of Unit are female (9 men and 4 women for DGs, 33 men and 14 women for Directors, 187**

men and 80 women for HoU); reminds that 1 out of 8 directors recruited, 9 out of 31 Heads of Unit who were recruited in 2014 are women; is of the opinion that the recruitment procedure should be balanced; reiterates its call for the need of a more balanced representation of women in senior managerial positions;

Or. en

Amendment 132

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari, Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 55 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55a. Regrets the fact that Parliament has not yet published information on an annual basis about senior officials who left the Parliament's administration, as well as a list of the cases of potential conflict of interest that have been addressed, as required by Article 16, paragraph 4 of the Staff Regulations;

Or. en

Amendment 133

Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 56 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

56a. Voices its concern at the fact that the number of local assistants employed varies widely from Member to Member, ranging from 0 to 46 in 2014 as against 0 to 43 in 2013; draws attention to the fact that 91 Members employed more than 10 assistants in 2014 as against 84 in 2013;

Amendment 134
Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58

Motion for a resolution

58. Notes that APAs made up 26,7 % of Parliament staff at the end of 2014; recalls that the contracts of some 1700 APAs employed during the seventh parliamentary term came to an end in July 2014 and a major operation undertaken by the Directorate-General for Personnel for the recruitment of 1 686 APAs was drawn up before the end of 2014 to *serve* Members during the eighth parliamentary term;

Amendment

58. Notes that APAs made up 26,7 % of Parliament staff at the end of 2014; recalls that the contracts of some 1700 APAs employed during the seventh parliamentary term came to an end in July 2014 and a major operation undertaken by the Directorate-General for Personnel for the recruitment of 1 686 APAs was drawn up before the end of 2014 to *work with* Members during the eighth parliamentary term;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58a. Stresses that Parliament has been internalising several services for the last few years, such as the security service; considers that the internalisation of the services does not represent necessary an increase of efficiency and effectiveness of the services provided; points out that the internalisations of services have most of the time led to an increase of the cost of the service provided and thus undermine the principle of sound financial management; stresses the lack of information provided by the Secretary

General to the decision making bodies when internalisation of services is discussed; urges the Secretary General and the President to answer to all questions raised by the Bureau Members, the Members of the BUDG and the CONT committees and to provide all needed and required information or studies before any further internalisation of services, in particular in the case of the internalisation of the chauffeur service; seriously doubts about the added value of this internalisation; is therefore of the opinion that the estimated costs (+ 2,7 million) is contrary to the sound financial management; concludes that less-costly more efficient and more effective alternatives should be prioritised;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58b. Emphasises that subsistence allowances received by accredited parliamentary assistants travelling to Strasbourg are at least 21% less than those of other staff; deplores the fact that the Bureau has not responded to the request made by Parliament in paragraph 74 of its resolution of 29 April 2015; calls once again on the Bureau to take the necessary measures to remedy this inequality and bring parliamentary assistants' allowances into line with those of other staff;

Or. es

Amendment 137
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58c. Deplores the fact that the Bureau has failed to take any action at all in response to paragraph 71 of Parliament's resolution of 29 April 2015; calls on the Bureau to take the necessary measures as a matter of urgency to ensure that the composition of the Advisory Committee on harassment and its prevention at the workplace responsible for APAs is balanced and that it includes at least two representatives of the parliamentary assistants;

Or. es

Amendment 138
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58d. Notes with satisfaction the measures taken to organise the management of APA contracts in view of the start of the new parliamentary term, and in particular the smooth operation of the APAPeople application; considers, however, that more administrative staff should have been assigned to APA recruitment in certain areas to ensure greater speed and efficiency; points out that staffing and technical resources were insufficient to avoid delays in the signing of contracts for some assistants, interruption of contracts, and delays in the calculation of expenses and other allowances, and hence in the payment of salaries; acknowledges

nevertheless that the process has improved significantly compared to 2009, while also noting that Parliament must persevere in its efforts to increase the speed and efficiency of its recruitment procedures;

Or. es

Amendment 139
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58e. Calls on the Secretary-General and the Bureau to look into and resolve problems arising from possible maladministration by the Institution in relation to APAs, for example delays in signing contracts at the beginning of the parliamentary term, interruption of contracts, the implications of early European Parliament elections for minimum contribution periods, etc., and for APA representatives to be involved in the search for solutions;

Or. es

Amendment 140
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58f. Notes the progress made in adapting training courses to the specific needs of APAs; nevertheless considers it vital to make further progress in this direction, in particular as regards specific training, tailored timetables and intensive language

courses, which are organised only during periods when most APAs have to take their annual leave; calls for account to be taken of the specific circumstances of APAs with regard to the timing of activities organised to increase well-being at work (mindfulness), lunchtime conferences, etc.;

Or. es

Amendment 141
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58g. Considers it crucial, in the interests of equal opportunities and respect for employment rights, for the classification of APAs in their respective grades to be carried out by Parliament in future;

Or. es

Amendment 142
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58h. Asks that, in the interests of transparency, Parliament's annual report should cover activities organised and financed by the Staff Committee from the Institution's budget, detailing the types of activity, the expenses incurred and compliance with sound financial management;

Or. es

Amendment 143
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58i. Asks to be given the findings of the assessment of the APA-PEOPLE tool for recruiting accredited parliamentary assistants that was introduced during the 2014-2019 parliamentary term;

Or. fr

Amendment 144
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

59. Emphasises that the new medium-term buildings strategy will involve efforts to find new premises to meet Parliament's needs within a set perimeter close to the main buildings; stresses that the multiannual planning for renovation works should be based on realistic and detailed forecasts both with respect to their financial parameters and timescales; ***recalls that Parliament owns 81 % of all surface area it occupies and that the budget needs to be protected against the renovation costs for ageing buildings in what will be a major challenge facing Parliament in the coming years;***

59. Emphasises that the new medium-term buildings strategy will involve efforts to find new premises to meet Parliament's needs within a set perimeter close to the main buildings; stresses that the multiannual planning for renovation works should be based on realistic and detailed forecasts both with respect to their financial parameters and timescales;

Or. fr

Amendment 145
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

59a. Points out that at its three places of work Parliament occupies premises with a total floor area of 1.1 million m² and owns 81% of that area; considers it of the utmost importance to establish measures to ensure that Parliament's buildings remain sustainable in the face of increasing maintenance costs;

Or. fr

Amendment 146
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

61. Notes that since June 2014, some 1000 staff from DGs IPOL, EXPO and EPRS moved in to the Square de Meeûs building; recalls that this removal was the first key stage in the process of making additional space available to Members in Parliament's main buildings; wishes to be informed on the next steps of Parliament with a concrete timeline for when additional offices will be made available;

61. Notes that since June 2014, some 1000 staff from DGs IPOL, EXPO and EPRS moved in to the Square de Meeûs building; recalls that this removal was the first key stage in the process of making additional space available to Members in Parliament's main buildings; ***regrets that the two services that work close with Members have been physically segregated from the main buildings creating additional difficulties to perform core parliamentary business;*** wishes to be informed on the next steps of Parliament with a concrete timeline for when additional offices will be made available;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

61a. Calls on the administration to arrange facilities in the main EP's buildings for the staff working in the Square de Meeûs, including a room to consult restricted access documents for Members;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

63. Deems overdue a renovation of the Paul-Henri Spaak building, including an extension of the building and an expansion of the seminar rooms for visitors and offices spaces for Members of the Parliament; ***supports the administration's planning, but stresses that it must be conducted on the basis of the current number of Members and not on the numbers in a possible - and unrealistic - enlargement of the Union;***

63. Deems overdue a renovation of the Paul-Henri Spaak building, including an extension of the building and an expansion of the seminar rooms for visitors and offices spaces for Members of the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Paul-Henri Spaak building, including an extension of the building and an expansion of the seminar rooms for visitors and offices spaces for Members of the Parliament; supports the administration's planning;

Or. fr

Amendment 150
Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

64. Demands concrete planning and cost projections for the renovation works; urges greater transparency and the participation of *individual* Members in decisions that have a decisive bearing on administrative and financial aspects of the institution; deems insufficient the information given and prior agreements concluded at the level of the Conference of Presidents and the Bureau; requests that all strategic documents on the organisation and future development of Parliament be distributed to all its Members;

Amendment

64. Demands concrete planning and cost projections for the renovation works; urges greater transparency and the participation of *all* Members in decisions that have a decisive bearing on administrative and financial aspects of the institution; deems insufficient the information given and prior agreements concluded at the level of the Conference of Presidents and the Bureau; requests that all strategic documents on the organisation and future development of Parliament be distributed to all its Members;

Or. fr

Amendment 151
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64a. Is concerned about the proposal to bring the drivers' service in-house and the resulting additional costs which will mean an increase of more than 50% in 2017 compared to 2016;

Or. de

Amendment 152

Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Green public procurement and EMAS

Or. en

Amendment 153

Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 64 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64b. Highlights the need to implement Green public procurement for all contracts and calls for tenders; calls for ambitious binding targets for green contracts, notably in the areas of food and catering, vehicles and transport, sanitary and water equipment, paper, waste management, IT and imaging equipment, lighting, cleaning, and furniture;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64c. Calls on the Secretary General to design a plan to reduce the number of trunks available for parliamentary travels; suggests that a "canteen on demand system" or a "canteen sharing system" be introduced, thus reducing the costs in financial and carbon footprint terms;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64d. Welcomes additional measures to offset unavoidable emissions; calls on Parliament to develop further CO₂ offsetting policies, such as the possibility of offsetting for accredited parliamentary assistants;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65. Notes that the average number of hours

65. Deplores the spread in the delivery of

per week that staff interpreters spent in their booths in 2014 delivering interpretation services was 10,7 hours/week;

interpretation assignments by individual interpreters between 6 and 16 hours per week on an annual average, leading to an unequal use of some interpreters; notes that the average number of hours per week that staff interpreters spent in their booths in 2014 delivering interpretation services was 10,7 hours/week;

Or. en

Amendment 157

Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

65. Notes that the average number of hours per week that staff interpreters spent in their booths in 2014 delivering interpretation services was 10,7 hours/week;

Amendment

65. Notes that the average number of hours per week that staff interpreters spent in their booths in 2014 delivering interpretation services was 10,7 hours/week; *notes however that the hours in the booth represent only a part of the interpreters' job; calls on the DG INTE to take into account the peaks and troughs of Parliament's calendar when considering the interpreters' workload;*

Or. en

Amendment 158

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari, Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

65. Notes that the average number of hours per week that staff interpreters spent in their booths in 2014 delivering interpretation services was 10,7 hours/week;

Amendment

65. Notes that *according to the Secretary General* the average number of hours per week that staff interpreters spent in their booths in 2014 delivering interpretation services was 10,7 hours/week, *but that this*

figure has been contested by the interpretation services themselves;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

65. Notes that the average number of hours per week that staff interpreters spent in their booths in 2014 delivering interpretation services was 10,7 hours/week;

Amendment

65. Notes that the average number of hours per week that staff interpreters spent in their booths in 2014 - *an election year with lower demand* - delivering interpretation services was 10,7 hours/week, *but stresses that the work of interpreters is not confined to the average number of hours per week spent in the booth but includes other aspects such as preparation for meetings and training;*

Or. es

Amendment 160
Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

65. Notes that the average number of hours per week that staff interpreters spent in their booths in 2014 *delivering interpretation services was 10,7 hours/week;*

Amendment

65. Notes that the average number of hours per week that staff interpreters spent in their booths in 2014 *was lower than in previous years; acknowledges that 2014 was not a typical year for interpreters as the volume of parliamentary activity and demand for interpretation was lower than in a normal year, due to the elections; however, welcomes the initiatives taken by DG INTE to counterbalance the reduction in parliamentary activity during the*

election period with, inter alia, additional training and providing interpretation to other institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 161
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65a. Notes with concern that in 2014 75% of the staff of the Portuguese interpreting service, 59% of the French interpreting service and 57% of the staff of the Spanish interpreting service were in salary grades AD /11/12/13 and that this on average leads to very high hourly wages for interpretation compared to the work done by freelancers;

Or. de

Amendment 162
Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65b. Considers that measuring the professional activity of interpreters solely on the basis of time spent in the booth can be misleading as interpreters' duties also include meeting preparation, language learning and maintenance, subject-based and other specialised training, on-call duty at home and on Parliament's premises, testing of new interpreters, training support to universities and other interpreter training centres, mission-

*related travel and administrative tasks,
etc.;*

Or. en

Amendment 163
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65c. Regrets that the interpreters are considered unproductive in the event of late cancellations of meetings they were assigned to and due to the fact that sick leaves under 30 consecutive days and annual leave are counted when compiling the statistical data on productivity of the interpreters;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65d. Calls on the administration to make sure that any changes to working conditions reflect internationally-recognised safeguards designed to protect both quality and interpreters' health and to take into account all the activities that interpreters perform whilst ensuring a high quality interpreting service with the flexibility that a political institution like Parliament requires; calls on the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to make the administrative support to interpreters more efficient;

Amendment 165
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65e. Notes with concern that the calculation method with regard to statistics has not been clarified and calls on the administration to better communicate its processes on the relevant representatives of the interpreters;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65f. Calls on the administration to exclude leave and sick leave when calculating the average number of hours spent by interpreters in the booth;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66. Reiterates the importance of

66. Reiterates the importance of

multilingualism for the democratic legitimacy of the institution; **welcomes** the fact that as a result of the resource-efficient multilingualism policy adopted by the Bureau in 2011 and of subsequent organisational reforms, significant savings have been achieved in interpretation;

multilingualism for the democratic legitimacy of the institution; **notes** the fact that as a result of the resource-efficient multilingualism policy adopted by the Bureau in 2011 and of subsequent organisational reforms, significant savings have been achieved in interpretation; **however notes with concern that this had a significant negative impact on the work conditions of the interpreters;**

Or. en

Amendment 168
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66

Motion for a resolution

66. Reiterates the importance of multilingualism for the democratic legitimacy of the institution; welcomes the fact that as a result of the resource-efficient multilingualism policy adopted by the Bureau in 2011 and of subsequent organisational reforms, significant savings have been achieved in interpretation;

Amendment

66. Underlines the main objective of the Directorate-General for Interpretation and Conferences of providing high quality interpretation in the framework of Resource Efficient Full Multilingualism, also with a view to a possible inclusion of additional languages within the next decade;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

66a. Regrets the worsening work conditions of the interpreters; stresses that high quality interpreting is crucial for the smooth running of Parliament and

therefore calls on the administration to ensure better work conditions for the interpreters; urges the administration to commence an open dialogue with the relevant representatives of the interpreters on a possible solution for this issue;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66b. Welcomes the fact that the continued implementation of the Bureau decision on resource-efficient full multilingualism has in 2014 again resulted in a reduction in expenditure on the budget lines dedicated to interpretation;

Or. en

Amendment 171
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67. Insists that large efficiency gains are still possible in the supply of interpretation, notably by enhancing the efficiency of a service currently hampered by rules dating from 2005 that are no longer compatible with the current meeting patterns of the institution;

67. Insists that large efficiency gains are still possible in the supply of interpretation, notably by enhancing the efficiency of a service currently hampered by rules dating from 2005 that are no longer compatible with the current meeting patterns of the institution; *nevertheless stresses that this should be done in close cooperation with the interpreters' representatives in order to ensure maximal effectiveness;*

Amendment 172

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari, Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. Insists that *large efficiency gains are still possible in the supply of interpretation, notably by enhancing the efficiency of a service currently hampered by rules dating from 2005 that are no longer compatible with the current meeting patterns of the institution;*

Amendment

67. Insists that *in seeking additional efficiency gains, solutions be sought that take also into account the social rights of the interpreters;*

Or. en

Amendment 173

Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. Insists that *large efficiency gains are still possible in the supply of interpretation, notably by enhancing the efficiency of a service currently hampered by rules dating from 2005 that are no longer compatible with the current meeting patterns of the institution;*

Amendment

67. Insists that *some efficiency gains could also be possible in Directorates B and C of DG INTE/DG INTE's administrative support units and by adapting the rules to the new current meeting patterns of the institution; calls on DG INTE to rein in the expansion of administrative services within the DG if it is to the detriment of interpretation;*

Or. en

Amendment 174

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67a. Requests a review to evaluate whether an appropriate staff of internal interpreters is also guaranteed during the core business days of Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 175
Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67b. Is concerned by the fact that responsibility for meeting organisation and conference management is scattered across different DGs and worried by the recent unprecedented closures of some language booths due to insufficient recruitment of interpreters; calls urgently upon the Secretary-General to improve the system of demand of interpretation and to address the concerns of recruitment of interpreters;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

68. Calls upon the secretary general to modernise the framework for the management of interpretation, with a view

68. Calls upon the secretary general to modernise the framework for the management of interpretation, with a view

to increasing individual productivity and to bringing the working practices of interpreters into line with the changed needs of the house;

to increasing individual productivity and to bringing the working practices of interpreters into line with the changed needs of the house; ***urges the Secretary-General to modernise the software dedicated to programming in order to address this issue;***

Or. en

Amendment 177
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

68. Calls upon the secretary general to modernise the framework for the management of interpretation, with a view to increasing individual productivity and to bringing the working practices of interpreters into line with the changed needs of the house;

Amendment

68. Calls upon the secretary general to modernise the framework for the management of interpretation, with a view to increasing individual productivity and to bringing the working practices of interpreters into line with the changed needs of the house, ***provided that these changes do not jeopardise the quality of the service provided, which is the ultimate goal of interpretation;***

Or. es

Amendment 178
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari, Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

68. Calls upon the secretary general to modernise the framework for the management of interpretation, with a view to increasing individual productivity and to bringing the working practices of interpreters into line with the changed

Amendment

68. Calls upon the secretary general to modernise the framework for the management of interpretation, with a view to increasing individual productivity and to bringing the working practices of interpreters into line with the changed

needs of the house;

needs of the house, *whilst fully respecting their social rights*;

Or. en

Amendment 179

Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

68. Calls *upon the secretary general to modernise the framework for the management* of interpretation, *with a view to increasing individual productivity and to bringing* the working practices of interpreters *into line with the changed needs* of the house;

Amendment

68. Calls *on the Directorate-General for Interpretation and Conferences to take all the necessary management measures to improve the IT tools and technical support for interpreters to match those of the Commission, to increase productivity in terms of interpretation assignments, to realign interpretation workloads of individual interpreters, to ensure that staff interpreters are present and available during Parliament's core business days; finally requests to present a new concept for the working conditions of the internal staff interpreters and a more efficient use of the staff available*;

Or. en

Amendment 180

Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

68. Calls upon the *secretary general to modernise* the framework for the management of interpretation, with a view to *increasing individual productivity and to bringing* the working practices of interpreters into line with the *changed*

Amendment

68. Calls upon the *Secretary-General to adapt* the framework for the management of interpretation, with a view to bringing the working practices of interpreters into line with the *meeting patterns* of the House *as well as guaranteeing the statutory*

needs of the house;

rights of the interpreters; calls upon the Secretary-General to reach an acceptable agreement with the representatives of the interpreters;

Or. en

Amendment 181
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

68a. Takes the view that improving the provision of interpreting services, in particular together with the Commission within the framework of institutional cooperation, would help ensure that these services are used more efficiently;

Or. es

Amendment 182
Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69. Encourages the travel agency to intensify comparison of prices. Calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices; notes with concern that the staff in the travel agency have partly gained a reputation for their lack of cooperation and professionalism; calls for an improved service;

69. Welcomes that DG FINS's instructions to the travel agency to look for best prices are being implemented effectively by the agency; notes that the choice of competitive fares can sometimes be at the expense of flexibility and /or financial penalties which can represent more expenses to the budget of the Union (i.e. cancellation of a delegation for externals reasons can result in a financial loss if the cheapest choice arrangements were chosen);

Amendment 183
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Encourages the travel agency to intensify comparison of prices. Calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices; ***notes with concern that the staff in the travel agency have partly gained a reputation for their lack of cooperation and professionalism; calls for an improved service;***

Amendment

69. Encourages the travel agency to intensify comparison of prices. Calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices;

Or. fr

Amendment 184
Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Encourages the travel agency to intensify comparison of prices. Calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices; ***notes with concern that the staff in the travel agency have partly gained a reputation for their lack of cooperation and professionalism; calls for an improved service;***

Amendment

69. Encourages the travel agency to intensify comparison of prices. Calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices; calls for an improved service;

Or. de

Amendment 185
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Encourages the travel agency to *an* intensify comparison of prices. ***Calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices; notes with concern that the staff in the travel agency have partly gained a reputation for their lack of cooperation and professionalism; calls for an improved service;***

Amendment

69. Encourages the travel agency, ***bearing in mind the volume of business generated,*** to intensify ***the*** comparison of prices ***and seek to reach agreements with the main airlines with the aim of obtaining greater flexibility and more economical*** prices; ***calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices;***

Or. es

Amendment 186
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Encourages the travel agency to an intensify comparison of prices. Calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices; ***notes with concern that the staff in the travel agency have partly gained a reputation for their lack of cooperation and professionalism; calls for an improved service;***

Amendment

69. Encourages the travel agency to an intensify comparison of prices. Calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices;

Or. en

Amendment 187
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Encourages the travel agency to an intensify comparison of prices. Calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices; notes with concern that the staff in the travel agency have partly gained a reputation for their lack of cooperation and professionalism; calls for an improved service;

Amendment

69. Encourages the travel agency to an intensify comparison of prices. Calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets ***and offers*** when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices ***and packages and options with low cost companies***; notes with concern that the staff in the travel agency have partly gained a reputation for their lack of cooperation and professionalism; calls for an improved service ***and specialised and certified staff***;

Or. en

Amendment 188
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Encourages the travel agency to ***an intensify comparison*** of ***prices***. Calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices; notes with concern that the staff in the travel agency have partly gained a reputation for their lack of cooperation and professionalism; calls for an improved service;

Amendment

69. Encourages the travel agency to ***make greater efforts to compare prices and to offer tickets in a range of price brackets, drawing attention to the cheaper ones***; calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices; notes with concern that the staff in the travel agency have partly gained a reputation for their lack of cooperation and professionalism; calls for an improved service;

Or. it

Amendment 189
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Encourages the travel agency to intensify comparison of prices. Calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices; *notes with concern that the staff in the travel agency have partly gained a reputation for their lack of cooperation and professionalism; calls for an improved service;*

Amendment

69. Encourages the travel agency to intensify comparison of prices. Calls on the travel agency to actively seek less expensive tickets when booking and, in general, to offer more competitive prices; *welcomes the continued cooperation and professionalism of the travel agency staff;*

Or. en

Amendment 190
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

69a. Observes that business class is booked automatically for Members when travelling between their constituencies and places of mission; calls on the agency to do so only on request; calls on the Parliament's administration to actively promote travelling in economy class;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 191
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69b. Takes notes of the difficulties of dealing with requests of travel arrangements for an institution of the size and duties of Parliament and with the particularities (flexibility, last minute cancellations) inherent to the nature of its work;

Or. en

Amendment 192
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69c. Welcomes the professionalism of travel agency staff when providing advice to Members and staff; calls DG FINS to elaborate a survey among users on the level of service satisfaction in order to identify further areas of improvement;

Or. en

Amendment 193
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69d. Calls DG FINS in close cooperation with DG SAFE and DG COMM to re-evaluate contingency plans for emergency situations to better address new security threats, in particular for missions between the different sites of the institution;

Or. en

Amendment 194
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Parliamentary assistance

Or. en

Amendment 195
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69e. Welcomes the new, stricter rules applying to local assistants and service providers; notes that some of the points of the new rules remain vague and are a source of misinterpretation; calls on further clarification of these points, especially with regard to side activities of local assistants and service providers; stresses that both groups should be under very strict scrutiny;

Or. en

Amendment 196
Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69f. Regrets that the Members were not notified in time about the upcoming

changes to the Statute for Members regarding parliamentary assistance; is concerned that the relevant departments were not able to handle the workload with regard to new changes and the officers responsible received their training on the new rules only after their implementation; observes that this led to significant delays in processing of contracts and disinformation;

Or. en

Amendment 197

Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 69 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69g. Welcomes the creation of the Members' e-Portal; considers this to be a cost-efficient and effective tool for review of finances in line with the paperless policy pursued by Parliament; calls on the DG FINS to actively promote its usage amongst all MEPs;

Or. en

Amendment 198

Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 72

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

72. Calls for the results of the external assessment requested by Parliament in its above-mentioned discharge resolution for the financial year 2013 to be delivered in due time; identifies the board of the voluntary pension fund as responsible for

72. Calls for the results of the external assessment requested by Parliament in its above-mentioned discharge resolution for the financial year 2013 to be delivered in due time; identifies the board of the voluntary pension fund as *primarily*

the extent of the fund's deficit; calls for a sole concept for the private pension fund, to decrease the liabilities of this fund; estimates necessary to decrease the retirement benefits for the participant members of the fund;

responsible for the extent of the fund's deficit; calls for a sole concept for the private pension fund, to decrease the liabilities of this fund; estimates necessary to decrease the retirement benefits for the participant members of the fund;

Or. de

Amendment 199
Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72

Motion for a resolution

72. Calls for the results of the external assessment requested by Parliament in its above-mentioned discharge resolution for the financial year 2013 to be delivered in due time; ***identifies the board of the voluntary pension fund as responsible for the extent of the fund's deficit; calls for a sole concept for the private pension fund, to decrease the liabilities of this fund; estimates necessary to decrease the retirement benefits for the participant members of the fund;***

Amendment

72. Calls for the results of the external assessment requested by Parliament in its above-mentioned discharge resolution for the financial year 2013 to be delivered in due time;

Or. en

Amendment 200
Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72

Motion for a resolution

72. ***Calls*** for the results of the external assessment requested by Parliament in its above-mentioned discharge resolution for the financial year 2013 to be delivered in due time; ***identifies the board of the***

Amendment

72. ***Urges*** for the results of the external assessment requested by Parliament in its above-mentioned discharge resolution for the financial year 2013 to be delivered in due time; ***calls on the Bureau to make***

voluntary pension fund as responsible for the extent of the fund's deficit; calls for a sole concept for the private pension fund, to decrease the liabilities of this fund; estimates necessary to decrease the retirement benefits for the participant members of the fund;

immediately after the reception of the external assessment a proposal for a comprehensive action plan including appropriations to address Parliament's responsibilities and ensure the rights of the members of the pension fund.

Or. en

Amendment 201
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72

Motion for a resolution

72. Calls for the results of the external assessment requested by Parliament in its above-mentioned discharge resolution for the financial year 2013 to be delivered in due time; *identifies the board of the voluntary pension fund as responsible for the extent of the fund's deficit; calls for a sole concept for the private pension fund, to decrease the liabilities of this fund; estimates necessary to decrease the retirement benefits for the participant members of the fund;*

Amendment

72. Calls for the results of the external assessment requested by Parliament in its above-mentioned discharge resolution for the financial year 2013 to be delivered in due time; *calls on the Bureau to make appropriations to ensure the solvency of the pension fund in the foreseeable future;*

Or. en

Amendment 202
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72

Motion for a resolution

72. Calls for the results of the external assessment requested by Parliament in its above-mentioned discharge resolution for the financial year 2013 to be delivered in

Amendment

72. Calls for the results of the external assessment requested by Parliament in its above-mentioned discharge resolution for the financial year 2013 to be delivered in

due time; *identifies the board of the voluntary pension fund as responsible for the extent of the fund's deficit; calls for a sole concept for the private pension fund, to decrease the liabilities of this fund; estimates necessary to decrease the retirement benefits for the participant members of the fund;*

due time;

Or. en

Amendment 203
Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

72a. Calls on the Bureau to make an assessment of the current situation of the Pension Fund as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 204
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 73 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

73a. Calls for stronger information security systems for protecting information from unauthorized access whilst ensuring disclosure, as well as from disruption, modification or destruction, in order to provide integrity, confidentiality and availability;

Or. de

Amendment 205

Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 74

Motion for a resolution

74. Takes note that an external ICT audit was carried out by an independent third party as requested during the 2013 discharge; further notes that the objective of this audit was to assess Parliament's ICT security capabilities and its systems' potential exposure to cyber threats, with a view to developing an ICT security improvement plan including a suggested roadmap to enhance Parliament's global security level;

Amendment

74. Takes note that an external ICT audit was carried out by an independent third party as requested during the 2013 discharge; further notes that the objective of this audit was to assess Parliament's ICT security capabilities and its systems' potential exposure to cyber threats, with a view to developing an ICT security improvement plan including a suggested roadmap to enhance Parliament's global security level; ***calls for a cybersecurity regulation to guarantee that Parliament be able to protect well its information systems, as well as the safety and security of Members from cyberattacks;***

Or. xm

Amendment 206

Cristian Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 78

Motion for a resolution

78. Criticises the conversion of the Twitter official account of the "President of the European Parliament" into a personal campaign vehicle leading to a party website;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 207

Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

78. Criticises the conversion of the Twitter official account of the “President of the European Parliament” into a personal campaign vehicle leading to a party website;

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Or. en

Amendment 208
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

78. Criticises the conversion of the Twitter official account of the “President of the European Parliament” into a personal campaign vehicle leading to a party website;

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Or. fr

Amendment 209
Inés Ayala Sender, Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

78. Criticises the conversion of the Twitter official account of the “President of the European Parliament” into a personal campaign vehicle leading to a party website;

78. Welcomes the creation of the Twitter official account of the "President of the European Parliament" at the beginning of the campaign in order to separate clearly the activities of the President from the candidate ones;

Or. en

Amendment 210
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 80 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

80a. Calls for effective screening of all security staff with a view to ensuring their aptitude for the completion of their tasks in terms both of reliability and levels of professional competence;

Or. de

Amendment 211
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 81

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

81. Insists that reinforcing the security of the Parliament's buildings and their immediate surroundings be given the highest priority; ***reiterates its request to the Bureau to make it mandatory for Members to show their badges when entering the Parliament's premises;*** requires it necessary to ensure appropriate equipment for security staff in view of the current security situation;

81. Insists that reinforcing the security of the Parliament's buildings and their immediate surroundings be given the highest priority; requires it necessary to ensure appropriate equipment ***and working conditions*** for security staff in view of the current security situation;

Or. en

Amendment 212
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 81

Motion for a resolution

81. Insists that reinforcing the security of the Parliament's buildings and their immediate surroundings be given the highest priority; reiterates its request to the Bureau to make it mandatory for Members to show their badges when entering the Parliament's premises; requires it necessary to ensure appropriate equipment for security staff in view of the current security situation;

Amendment

81. Insists that reinforcing the security of the Parliament's buildings and their immediate surroundings be given the highest priority; reiterates its request to the Bureau to make it mandatory for Members to show their badges when entering the Parliament's premises; requires it necessary to ensure appropriate equipment **and working conditions** for security staff in view of the current security situation;

Or. en

Amendment 213

Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 82 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

82a. Recalls the incidents regarding thefts occurring in MEP's offices; calls on DG INLO and DG SAFE to ensure greater security and transparency in regard to contractors and maintenance staff having access to offices;

Or. en

Amendment 214

Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Environment-friendly Parliament

Or. fr

Amendment 215
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

85a. Calls for a detailed report on the works being carried out on the main entrances in order to make them more secure, including the cost of the staff supervising the works;

Or. it

Amendment 216
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

85b. Welcomes the encouraging findings of the audit carried out in 2013 and 2014 by the Court of Auditors, which stated that, of the 14 European institutions audited, Parliament had the most ambitious strategy for cutting carbon emissions;

Or. fr

Amendment 217
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

85c. Is aware of Parliament's 'New World of Work' concept, the EMAS process and EMAS accreditation and the paperless programme including the e-Committee

and e-Meeting applications; calls for that programme to be enhanced by making applications available for smartphones and tablets;

Or. fr

Amendment 218
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

85d. Draws attention to the fact that video conferencing and teleworking can help to ensure more efficient use of time in a more environment-friendly Parliament, and at the same time to reduce administrative and travel costs;

Or. fr

Amendment 219
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 88 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

88a. Considers it advisable gradually to phase out contributions to European political foundations from Parliament's budget, given that the foundations are often already subsidised at national level by the Member States;

Or. it

Amendment 220
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 88 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

88b. Takes note of the Alliance of European Conservatives and Reformists AECR having spent 729.000 euros for organizing meetings with only 4 full-time employees (EPP: 26 FTE; PES 30 FTE; ALDE 13,7 FTE; EGP15 FTE); calls on the European Parliament to make sure that all European Political Parties strictly refrain from cross-financing service providers linked to national parties or Members of the European Parliament or Members of National Parliaments; Expresses concern that the amount of money spent by the AECR on both the "Studies and Research" and "Seminars and Exhibitions" budget lines appears to dramatically exceed the norm; calls on the Parliament to reaudit these relatively high amounts of money;

Or. en