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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**  
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Discharge 2014: EU general budget - European Court of Auditors  
(2015/2158(DEC))



### **Amendment 1**

**Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin**

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

##### **Paragraph 1**

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

1. Grants the Secretary-General of the Court of Auditors discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2014 / *Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the Court of Auditors discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2014;*

###### *Amendment*

1. Grants the Secretary-General of the Court of Auditors discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2014;

Or. en

### **Amendment 2**

**Monica Macovei**

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

##### **Paragraph 1**

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

1. *Grants the Secretary-General of the Court of Auditors discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2014* / Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the Court of Auditors discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2014;

###### *Amendment*

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the Court of Auditors discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2014;

Or. en

### **Amendment 3**

**Igor Šoltes**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3 a. Acknowledges the crucial role of the Court of Auditors in ensuring better and smarter spending of European funds; recalls that the Court is in a pre-eminent position to provide the legislator and the budgetary authority with valuable opinions on the results and outcomes achieved by the Union's policies, with a view to improving the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of Union-financed activities;**

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**4. Takes note of the Court's reform project started in late 2014 to streamline the audit process and transform the Court into a task-based organisation; is of the opinion that both projects need to be assessed during and after the Court's strategy 2013-2017 to ensure that the objectives of the reform were achieved;**

**4. Welcomes the Court's reform project started in late 2014 aiming at streamlining of the audit process, transformation of the Court into a task-based organisation and expanding the focus of the staff; invites the Court to inform the discharge authority on the objectives achieved and identified impact with regard to this reform;**

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6 a. Building upon this good cooperation asks the Court of Auditors to prepare a Special Report on whether the Commission has made good use of its powers in supporting and controlling Member States when implementing EU law;**

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Igor Šoltes**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

7. Supports the Court in its efforts to devote more resources to performance audits; expects the tasked-based organisation of audit staff to enable the Court to assign resources more flexibly without undermining its mission;

7. Supports the Court in its efforts to devote more resources to performance audits; expects the tasked-based organisation of audit staff to enable the Court to assign resources more flexibly without undermining its mission; ***is of the opinion that, pursuant to Article 287(3) TFEU, closer cooperation between the Court and national supreme audit institutions, in particular in connection with conducting the performance - (Value for Money) audit reports of different EU policies and programmes and the auditing of shared-management arrangements, should be pursued; expects concrete results as regards the sharing of the Court's annual work programme;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*7 a. Takes note of the Court's initiative to reform its chambers' system and is interested to learn more about the proposal;*

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*7 a. Takes note from the Court that the year 2014 set a record in the output delivered by the institution; welcomes new features such as the landscape review;*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*8 a. Encourages the Court to examine the relationship between the number and timeliness of the special reports;*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Karin Kadenbach**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Notes with satisfaction that the obligation of a 5 % staff reduction is being implemented without negative impact on the Court's policy of reinforcing its audit services;

*Amendment*

10. Notes with satisfaction that the obligation of a 5 % staff reduction is being implemented without negative impact on the Court's policy of reinforcing its audit services; ***calls on the Court to make sure that further cuts will not restrain the quality of its reports;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Calls on the Court to ensure, along with merit and expertise, the geographical balance of staff, in particular in management posts;

*Amendment*

11. Calls on the Court to ensure, along with merit and expertise, the geographical balance of staff, in particular in management ***and directorial*** posts;

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Igor Šoltes**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 a. regrets that less than 33% of the managers is women while 50% of the staff is composed by women; stresses therefore that only 18% (2 out of 11) of the Directors is women; calls upon the Court to correct this imbalanced situation***

*concerning women;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*11a. Appreciates the efforts made by the Court to improve the gender balance among its staff; highlights and welcomes the increase in the number of women auditors, which will doubtless have repercussions in terms of their presence in positions of responsibility in that sector, as well as the creation of the network of women auditors; stresses the need to continue working in this direction;*

Or. es

**Amendment 14**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*11 a. Regrets the gender imbalance at all staff levels and expects to see a change of the situation in the coming years;*

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Igor Šoltes**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Recognises that the Court has been making efforts to reduce translation costs; believes that envisaging a cooperation agreement for translation - as the consultative committees have with Parliament - could be considered as part of the Court's 2013-2017 strategy to improve efficiency and reduce costs;

*Amendment*

14. Recognises that the Court has been making efforts to reduce translation costs; believes that envisaging a cooperation agreement for translation - as the consultative committees have with Parliament - could be considered as part of the Court's 2013-2017 strategy to improve efficiency and reduce costs; ***asks the Court to consider to outsource translation as an additional way of saving;***

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Takes note of the Court's first steps towards a paperless environment; supports the Court in its objectives but expects Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control to continue to receive a few paper copies of the Court's reports;

*Amendment*

18. Takes note of the Court's first steps towards a paperless environment; supports the Court in its objectives but expects Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control to continue to receive a few paper copies of the Court's reports; ***endorses the environmental strategy implemented by the Court up until now including its focus on reducing the energy consumption, higher utility of video-conferencing, installation of rain water recovery system, promoting of sustainable mobility and others;***

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***19a. Appreciates the efforts made by the Court in relation to professional training for its auditors, with a view to making the management and updating of knowledge more effective; congratulates the Court on its collaboration with the University of Metz/Nancy in creating specialist courses in European auditing, and encourages the Court to establish contacts with other European universities for the same purpose;***

Or. es

**Amendment 18**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský, Patricija Šulin**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***20 a. Calls on the Member States to consider the financial impact of having a Member representative of the Court from every Member State and to reconsider whether a rotation system might not be more cost-efficient;***

Or. en