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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2014
(2015/2175(DEC))

Amendment 1
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Proposal for a decision 2
Paragraph 2

Proposal for a decision

2. ***Approves*** the closure of the accounts of the European Aviation Safety Agency for

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 4

Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 2

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Or. en

Amendment 5

Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. de

Amendment 6

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari, Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Notes that only one-third of the budget of the Agency comes from the public sector and the other two-third from the industry; expresses its concern as these financial ties with the industry might affect the independence of the Agency; calls upon the Agency to build in safeguards to ensure its independence and the avoidance of conflicts of interests;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Barbara Kappel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Informs the agency that it should keep the amount of the committed appropriations carried over to the following year to the minimum in the interests of transparency and accountability;

Or. de

Amendment 8

Petri Sarvamaa, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 9

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari, Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. States that the objective of the Agency is aviation safety, which is to be considered as a public good; urges the Agency to keep this objective in the Agency's strategy, performance based budgeting and management-decisions as

the leading principle towards its stakeholders and which should never be sacrificed for reasons of competitiveness, efficiency or deregulation;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls for an overall improvement in the prevention of, and the fight against, corruption in the public sector, and especially within the EU institutions and agencies, through a holistic approach, commencing with better public access to documents and more stringent rules on conflicts of interest, the introduction or strengthening of transparency registers and the provision of sufficient resources for law enforcement measures, and also through improved cooperation among Member States and with relevant third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Encourages the EU institutions and agencies to better raise awareness of the conflict-of-interest policy among their officials, alongside ongoing awareness-raising activities and the inclusion of

integrity and transparency as an obligatory item to be discussed during recruitment procedures and performance reviews; considers that a distinction should be made between elected representatives and public officials in the legislation on conflicts of interest; believes that there should also be such regulations in the Member States for public officials and civil servants involved in the administration and monitoring of EU subsidies; calls on the Commission to submit a draft legal basis on this matter;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment 13
Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***14a. Calls on the Agency for information
whether its relocation will achieve the aim
of cost efficiency.***