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Amendment 19

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the important role played by the EU budget in delivering concrete answers to the challenges the EU is facing; stresses that decent, quality and stable jobs, particularly for young people, economic growth and socio-economic convergence, migration, security and tackling populism, as well as climate change, are the main concerns at EU level and that the EU budget remains part of the solution to these issues; stresses that solidarity must remain an underlying principle of the EU budget; underlines that only a strong and targeted EU budget with genuine European added value will benefit all Member States and EU citizens alike; expects the Commission to put forward a draft 2018 budget that enables the EU to continue to generate prosperity through growth and jobs and ensures the safety of its citizens;

Amendment

1. Believes the EU budget is too large and has not addressed the needs of Member States or citizens; takes note of the 2015 Court of Auditors report which states that the EU budget has an estimated error rate in payments of 3.8 %; believes that powers should be restored to the Member States and the budget drastically reduced in view of rising discontent with the EU among citizens;

Or. en

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Paragraph 10

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Amendment

10. Takes positive note of the proposal to launch an ‘18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe’; underlines that this project has the potential to boost European consciousness and identity; stresses, however, that the project should not be financed at the expense of other successful EU programmes, notably in the field of youth and culture, and should be as socially inclusive as possible and contain provisions for including residents of Europe’s peripheral islands; asks the Commission to assess the potential cost and funding sources of this initiative and put forward relevant proposals;

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Or. en

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Paragraph 16

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16. **Recalls the importance** of European agencies **in ensuring the implementation of the European legislative priorities and thereby accomplishing EU policy objectives, such as those related to competitiveness, growth, employment and to managing the current migration and refugee crisis**; insists, therefore, that **adequate** financial and human resources be **provided for both administrative and operational expenditure in order to allow the agencies to fulfil their assigned tasks and deliver the best possible results**; with regard to the **increases in** staffing and appropriations for agencies since the 2014 budget, underlines **the fact** that these **are regarded as** part of **new policy developments and legislation which do not enter in the calculation of the 5 %** staff reduction target; stresses, therefore, that the 2018 budget should **not** foresee **any** further reductions in the European agencies' establishment plans beyond the 5 % agreed on for each institution and body of the European Union in the framework of the Interinstitutional Agreement;

Amendment

16. **Notes the high number** of European agencies; insists, therefore, that financial and human resources be **reduced**; with regard to the staffing and appropriations for agencies since the 2014 budget, underlines that these **should be** part of the 5 % staff reduction target **and that a bigger reduction should be brought in for future years**; stresses, therefore, that the 2018 budget should foresee further reductions in the European agencies' establishment plans beyond the 5 % agreed on for each institution and body of the European Union in the framework of the Interinstitutional Agreement;

Or. en

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17. ***Strongly supports*** initiatives in the field of defence research ***aimed at encouraging better cooperation between Member States and achieving synergy effects in the area of defence***; stresses, ***however***, that ***this*** activity should be endowed with fresh resources, ***as it is a new political initiative with a significant impact on the EU budget***; ***calls***, moreover, ***for*** the exploration of all possibilities for the financing of a defence research programme with a dedicated budget within the next MFF; ***recalls that, while the provisions enshrined in the Treaties must be respected, strengthened cooperation in the field of defence is a necessary option in order to meet the security challenges that the EU is facing, which are generated by prolonged instability in the Union's neighbourhood and uncertainty regarding the commitment of certain of the EU's partners to the objectives of NATO***; ***underlines, furthermore, the need for improved competitiveness and innovation in the European defence industry that can contribute to stimulating growth and job creation***; ***calls on the Member States to ensure adequate budgeting in order to tackle external challenges in a more congruent way***; ***takes note of*** the establishment of the European Defence

Amendment

17. ***Rejects any EU*** initiatives in the field of defence research; stresses that ***any such*** activity should ***not*** be endowed with fresh resources ***from*** the EU budget; ***opposes***, moreover, the exploration of all possibilities for the financing of a defence research programme with a dedicated budget within the next MFF; ***opposes*** the establishment of the European Defence Fund, with its research and capability windows;

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Or. en

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21. Underlines that one of the conditions for preserving stability and prosperity in the EU is a stable EU neighbourhood; calls on the Commission, therefore, to ensure that priority is given to investment in the EU Neighbourhood in order to support efforts to tackle the main issues that this area is facing, namely the migratory and refugee crisis and corresponding humanitarian challenges in the Southern Neighbourhood, and Russian aggression in the Eastern Neighbourhood; reiterates that supporting countries which are implementing association agreements with the EU is pivotal to facilitating political and economic reforms, but stresses that such support should apply as long as those countries meet the eligibility criteria, especially as regards the rule of law and enforcing democratic institutions;

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Or. en

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22. Reiterates its previous calls for providing the EU budget with an adequate level of payment appropriations in order to allow it to fulfil its main purpose as an investment budget; is convinced that this role cannot be fulfilled if the EU fails to deliver on its commitments and thus endangers its credibility;

deleted

Or. en

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25. Reiterates ***its long-standing position*** that the payments of special instruments (the Flexibility Instrument, the EU Solidarity Fund, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund and the Emergency Aid Reserve) must be counted ***over and above*** the MFF payment ceiling, ***as is the case for commitments; underlines, in the context of the ongoing MFF mid-term revision, the potential progress achieved on the issue of budgeting the payments of the MFF special instruments with the revision of the 2014 Contingency Margin decision, even if the matter was not unequivocally resolved;***

Amendment

25. Reiterates that the payments of special instruments (the Flexibility Instrument, the EU Solidarity Fund, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund and the Emergency Aid Reserve) must be counted ***within*** the MFF payment ceiling;

Or. en

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26. Underlines that according to the MFF regulation, the Commission will put forward by the end of 2017 its proposals for the post-2020 MFF, which should take into account the decision of the United Kingdom to leave the EU which will impact on the post-2020 MFF; stresses that this decision makes it impossible to proceed with business as usual; attaches the utmost importance to the process leading up to the establishment of the new financial framework and a *reformed and more efficient* EU budget, *and expects this to be commensurate to the challenges the Union is facing and to the commitments it has already entered into; calls for a swift and positive conclusion to the ongoing mid-term MFF revision that can ensure both the necessary adjustment of the current financial framework and the degree of additional flexibility of the EU budget that is indispensable for attaining the Union's objectives;*

26. Underlines that according to the MFF regulation, the Commission will put forward by the end of 2017 its proposals for the post-2020 MFF, which should take into account the decision of the United Kingdom to leave the EU which will impact on the post-2020 MFF; *stresses that this future MFF proposal should not include the UK's contribution or entail any legal obligations on the UK regarding its liabilities;* stresses that this decision makes it impossible to proceed with business as usual; attaches the utmost importance to the process leading up to the establishment of the new financial framework and a *reduced* EU budget;

Or. en

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Amendment

27. Underlines that the predictability and long-term sustainability of the EU budget is a prerequisite for a strong and stable European Union; stresses the need to align the duration of the MFF with the political cycles of both Parliament and the Commission; draws attention to the fact that the UK's withdrawal from the EU will provide an opportunity to **address the long-standing issues which have prevented the EU budget from reaching its real potential, especially as regards the revenue side, in order to phase out all rebates and correction mechanisms; reaffirms its position in favour of an in-depth reform of EU own resources, and welcomes in this respect the presentation of the final report of the High-Level Group on Own Resources (HLGOR); invites all involved parties to draw the appropriate conclusions from this report and to analyse the feasibility of implementing the recommendations of the HLGOR that would help make the EU budget more stable, simple, autonomous, fair and predictable; expects that any new own resources should lead to a reduction in Member States' GNI contributions; welcomes the conclusion of the HLGOR regarding the fact that the EU budget needs to focus on areas bringing the**

27. Stresses the need to align the duration of the MFF with the political cycles of both Parliament and the Commission; draws attention to the fact that the UK's withdrawal from the EU will provide an opportunity to **drastically reduce** the EU budget; **rejects the conclusion** of the High-Level Group on Own Resources (HLGOR);

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highest European added value and regarding the 'juste retour' approach, which should end, as it has been shown by the report that all Member States benefit from the EU budget, irrespective of their 'net balance';

Or. en

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Paragraph 31

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Amendment

31. Calls on the Council to *live up to its political statements and cooperate to ensure that the EU is equipped with an adequate* budget;

31. Calls on the Council to *cut the* budget;

Or. en