

**Amendment 2****Mikuláš Peksa**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Report****A9-0073/2024****Luke Ming Flanagan**Discharge 2022: EU general budget - Committee of the Regions  
2023/2136(DEC)**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 19***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

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