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Amendment 3

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Discharge 2022: European Border and Coast Guard Agency
2023/2172(DEC)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Notes that approximately EUR 2 million is allocated to monitoring fundamental rights; criticises the fact that those funds are not channelled into the Agency's core mission;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 b (new)

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4 b. Notes that, according to the fundamental rights officer's 2022 annual report, 46 fundamental rights monitors were working at the end of 2022; rejects the planned recruitment of a further 18 fundamental rights agents by 2026;

Or. en

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Amendment 5

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Points out that due to ever-growing recruitment targets, the amount of actually filled in positions might be lower and not attain the assigned budget for these means; reminds that this especially concerns the recruitment of European Standing Corps, which requires thorough selection and training process before the officers might become fully operational; highlights a worrying shortage of this kind of specialists as such and therefore calls to tolerate a high level of budgetary carry-overs;*

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 12***Motion for a resolution*

12. Notes the various initiatives taken by the Agency in 2022, including the signature of a status agreement with North Macedonia and a Memorandum of Understanding and an Operation Action plan with Cyprus, as well as the doubling of the Agency's presence in the joint operation JO Serbia Land 2022 and the opening of a new operational area at the Serbian-Hungarian border; stresses that the Court of Justice of the European Union has ruled that the Hungary's activities are incompatible with the Return Directive and Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union; notes with concern that even though the Agency said it withdrew operations from Hungary in 2021, it nonetheless continued to support Hungary's return operations; reiterates the FSWG's calls on the Agency's executive director to suspend operations from Hungary;

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12. ***Underlines that 45 % of all illegal entries in 2022 occurred via the Western Balkans; notes that there were 145 600 reported incidents on the Western Balkans route, an increase of 136 % compared to the previous year, the largest increase of any of the seven routes, as well as the highest number of crossings reported on this route since 2015 and about half of all reported illegal entries in 2022;*** notes the various initiatives taken by the Agency in 2022, including the signature of a status agreement with North Macedonia and a Memorandum of Understanding and an Operation Action plan with Cyprus, as well as the doubling of the Agency's presence in the joint operation JO Serbia Land 2022 and the opening of a new operational area at the Serbian-Hungarian border; stresses that the Court of Justice of the European Union has ruled that the Hungary's activities are incompatible with the Return Directive and Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union; notes with concern that even though the Agency said it withdrew operations from Hungary in 2021, it nonetheless continued to support Hungary's return operations; reiterates the FSWG's calls on the Agency's executive director to suspend operations from Hungary;

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

14. Notes that operational activities conducted on land borders in 2022 resulted in approximately 49 000 incidents reported, involving more than 26 000 apprehended *irregular* migrants and 700 smugglers arrested; notes the Agency's efforts that led to the return by air of 24 850 non-EU nationals (+35 % vs. 2021), of which 9 919 persons on 291 operations by charter flights to 32 countries of return and 14 931 persons (+84 % vs. 2021) by 8 789 scheduled flights to 116 countries of return; notes further the Agency's efforts under all maritime joint operations in 2022 which led to the detection of 1 105 facilitators and 11 traffickers of human beings, the seizure of *tens of* tons of smuggled drugs and the rescue of thousands of migrants; notes, at the same time, the many recent tragedies of shipwrecks and other deadly incidents with migrants on the Mediterranean Sea; calls on the Agency to fully cooperate with the Ombudsman investigation; observes that 1 422 multipurpose surveillance missions were carried out by the Agency in 2022 with as a result 1 177 events and 51 362 migrants detected;

Amendment

14. ***Notes with concern that around 330 000 illegal border crossings were detected at the EU's external border in 2022, only according to preliminary calculations; underlines that this the highest number since 2016 and an increase of 64 % compared to the previous year;*** notes that operational activities conducted on land borders in 2022 resulted in approximately 49 000 incidents reported, involving more than 26 000 apprehended *illegal* migrants and 700 smugglers arrested; notes the Agency's efforts that led to the return by air of 24 850 non-EU nationals (+35 % vs. 2021), of which 9 919 persons on 291 operations by charter flights to 32 countries of return and 14 931 persons (+84 % vs. 2021) by 8 789 scheduled flights to 116 countries of return; notes ***that this number is marginal in comparison to the total number of illegal border crossings occurred in 2022;*** ***notes*** further the Agency's efforts under all maritime joint operations in 2022 which led to the detection of 1 105 facilitators and 11 traffickers of human beings, the seizure of ***96*** tons of smuggled drugs and the rescue of thousands of migrants; notes, at the same time, the many recent tragedies of shipwrecks and other deadly incidents with migrants on the Mediterranean Sea; calls on the Agency to fully cooperate with the Ombudsman investigation; observes that 1

422 multipurpose surveillance missions were carried out by the Agency in 2022 with as a result 1 177 events and 51 362 migrants detected;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Takes note of sea operations, during which 53 000 people were rescued compared to 11 650 people in 2021; highlights a statistical explosion of illegal border crossings by both land and sea in 2022 and reaching 331 553 compared to 200 101 in 2021; urges an imminent change of EU migration policy;

Or. en

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Amendment 9

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 b. Stresses the importance of providing adequate funding to build physical barriers along the European Union's external borders in order to prevent migrants from entering illegally;

Or. en

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Amendment 10

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***14 c. Calls for the possibility of
processing asylum applications in
countries of origin and transit in order to
avoid fuelling migration into the Union;***

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 33***Motion for a resolution*

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