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OPINION

of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on the Council's position on draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget 2010 – statement of revenue and expenditure by section, Section II – European Council and Council, Section III – Commission, Section X – European External Action Service
(13475/2010 – C7-0262/2010 – 2010/2094(BUD))

Rapporteur: Guy Verhofstadt

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Constitutional Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

1. Recalls that the European Parliament intends to exercise to the full its responsibilities as regards both the formulation and control of the Common Foreign and Security Policy, which were recognised by the High Representative in her declaration on political accountability¹;
2. Approves this amending budget and recalls the provisions of Article 4 of Council Decision 2010/427/EU of 26 July 2010 establishing the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service² and the commitments given by the High Representative in her statement made at the plenary sitting of the European Parliament on 7 July 2010 concerning the basic organisation of the central administration of the European External Action Service (EEAS);
3. Recalls that the EEAS must enjoy budgetary autonomy, which will enable it to perform properly the tasks entrusted to it by the Treaties;
4. Recalls its intention of exercising fully the rights vested in it under the rules governing the budget procedure, particularly those relating to the discharge as referred to in Article 8(6) of Decision 2010/427/EU;
5. Recalls the insistence of the European Parliament during the negotiating process leading to the establishment of the EEAS that an efficient and effective service, avoiding duplication of effort, must be established; stresses that the deployment of the EEAS should permit the development of synergies making resources available to launch fresh initiatives on which the European Parliament must be consulted;
6. Stresses that appointments to managerial posts must be made on the basis of the candidates' own capacities, while maintaining balance and ensuring that the various persons responsible for conducting the Union's external policy are representative;
7. Stresses furthermore that the staff of the EEAS must be appointed on the basis of merit, expertise and excellence and must be drawn in appropriate proportions, ensuring geographical and gender balance, from the Commission, the Council and national diplomatic services, in a way which fully complies with Article 6(6), (8) and (11) of Decision 2010/427/EU.

¹ Declaration annexed to the European Parliament position of 8 July 2010 on the proposal for a Council decision establishing the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service (Texts adopted, P7_TA(2010)0280).

² OJ L 201, 3.8.2010, p. 30.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	4.10.2010
Result of final vote	+: 15 -: 1 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Andrew Henry William Brons, Carlo Casini, Andrew Duff, Zita Gurmai, Gerald Häfner, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Constance Le Grip, Morten Messerschmidt, Paulo Rangel, Algirdas Saudargas, György Schöpflin, Rafał Trzaskowski, Luis Yáñez-Barnuevo García
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Enrique Guerrero Salom, Alexandra Thein
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Inés Ayala Sender