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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Discharge 2018: General budget of the EU - European External Action Service
(2019/2064(DEC))

Amendment 1
Lars Patrick Berg, Harald Vilimsky

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that *the* Union *is* confronted with an increasingly challenging international environment, which *has led to increasing demands on the Union to play a leading role on the international scene*; highlights the European External Action Service's (EEAS) *central role in conducting the Union's foreign policy under the guidance of the High Representative / Vice-President of the Commission*; notes that the EEAS's *enhanced role has not been underpinned by a corresponding staff increase*; calls for *sufficient human* resources to be made available *in order not to put at risk the Union's effectiveness as a global actor*;

Amendment

1. Notes that *European* Union *Member States are* confronted with an increasingly challenging international environment, which highlights the *need for a coordinated response from Member States, rather than* European External Action Service (EEAS) *centralised policy-making at a European Union level*; calls for *reduced* resources to be made available *for EEAS and greater autonomy for Member States to determine their own foreign policy*;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Urmas Paet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

1 a. Notes that the EEAS carries a *vital role to ensure the coherence of the EU's foreign policy*; also highlights the *need to provide necessary resources for a successful implementation of an efficient EU Security and Defence Policy*;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 3

Lars Patrick Berg, Harald Vilimsky

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. *Calls on the EEAS to consider creating posts for local agent responsible for reporting on legislative work in countries of strategic interest (particularly accession countries and those of the Eastern Partnership) in order to increase the Union's understanding of the neighbourhood and its approximation to the acquis;*

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Or. en

Amendment 4
Urmas Paet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Notes that the procurement errors identified were related to the infringement of important public procurement rules, such as inappropriate tendering or assessment of bids affecting the outcome of the tender, substantial change of contract scope and artificial splitting of contracts, and to missing or incomplete procurement documents; calls on the EEAS to take immediate action in resolving these identified procurement errors.*

Or. en

Amendment 6

Robert Biedroń, Nikos Androulakis, Tanja Fajon, Attila Ara-Kovács, Neena Gill, Demetris Papadakis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Calls on the EEAS to implement gender budgeting in all public expenditure;*

Or. en

Amendment 7

Robert Biedroń, Nikos Androulakis, Tanja Fajon, Attila Ara-Kovács, Neena Gill, Demetris Papadakis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. *Recalls that gender mainstreaming is the (re)organisation, improvement, development and evaluation of policy processes, so that a gender equality perspective is incorporated in all policies*

at all levels and at all stages, by the actors involved in policy-making;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Lars Patrick Berg, Harald Vilimsky

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes *the remaining gender and geographical imbalances within the EEAS staff, despite positive trends in recent years; reiterates the importance of ensuring a balanced distribution of staff in terms of gender and geographical origin within different categories and grades, particularly at middle and senior management levels; points also to the overrepresentation of Member States' diplomats among Heads of Delegation; calls for further efforts to address these imbalances;*

Amendment

3. Notes *that diplomatic posts at all levels should be filled purely on the basis of qualification and ability, and any other criteria for selection and subsequent appointment leads to social engineering;*

Or. en

Amendment 9

Nathalie Loiseau, Christophe Grudler, Malik Azmani

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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Amendment 10
Sergey Lagodinsky
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Or. en

Amendment 11
Robert Biedroń, Nikos Androulakis, Tanja Fajon, Attila Ara-Kovács, Neena Gill, Demetris Papadakis

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Or. en

Amendment 12

Lars Patrick Berg, Harald Vilimsky

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. ***Welcomes the short-term secondment programme between the EEAS and the European Parliament; highlights its role in enhancing the mutual understanding of each institution's structures and working methods and thereby improving the cooperation between the two institutions; encourages the EEAS to promote this programme more actively among its staff in order to boost the number of participants; recommends further to expand the Diplomatic Exchange and Secondment Programme between the EEAS and the Member States' diplomatic services that is aimed at contributing to***

Amendment

deleted

the evolution of a shared diplomatic culture.

Or. en

Amendment 13

Robert Biedroń, Nikos Androulakis, Tanja Fajon, Attila Ara-Kovács, Neena Gill, Demetris Papadakis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Highlights the importance of the flagship project of the European External Action Service's East StratCom Task Force - EU vs. Disinfo in the fight against disinformation, propaganda and foreign influence on our geopolitical scene.

Or. en

Amendment 14

Urmas Paet

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Underlines the need for fighting propaganda and to expose disinformation; stresses the importance of the EEAS Strategic Communication Task Force and calls for providing it with the necessary financial and personnel resources;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Urmas Paet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. Emphasises the growing importance of the EU-Arctic Policy and the need to strengthen the EU's credibility among partners by ensuring the stability of the EU's Arctic Ambassador post;

Or. en