MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the review of the Financial Regulation and the Commission’s guidelines on public procurement for policy-related service contracts

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the review of the Financial Regulation and the Commission’s guidelines on public procurement for policy-related service contracts

The European Parliament,

– having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas the Commission has acknowledged\(^1\) the need to consider making amendments to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union\(^2\) (the Financial Regulation) in order to prevent the selection of bidders that may be in a situation of conflict of interests and to improve the implementation guidelines (Vademecum) regarding the application of the notion of conflicting professional interests;

1. Stresses that the Commission’s Vademecum on public procurement has not been made public and notes that it has therefore not been possible for Parliament to exercise proper oversight over the Commission with regard to the implementation of EU budgets;

2. Calls on the Commission to clarify the notion of ‘conflicting professional interests’ and to broaden its guidelines for the evaluation of public tenders to cover aspects beyond the services provided by the bidding contractor;

3. Urges the Commission to ensure that its implementation rules on public procurement do not allow for the awarding of policy-related service contracts to undertakings that are under the economic control of a parent company or group that has a stake in activities that are not in line with EU’s environmental, social or Green Deal objectives;

4. Asks Parliament’s relevant committee to take a stance on this issue in a motion for a resolution.

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\(^1\) Reply of the European Commission to the Decision of the European Ombudsman in case 853/2020/KR.