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B9-0162/5

**Amendment 5**

**Cristian Terheş**

on behalf of the ECR Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**B9-0162/2024**

**Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs**

The time the European Commission takes to deal with requests for public access to documents

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4a. Recalls with great concern that, in 2021, following a request for public access to text messages between Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and the CEO of a pharmaceutical company regarding the Commission's purchase of COVID-19 vaccines, the Commission refused to acknowledge that such text messages fall within the definition of a 'document' under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001; recalls that the registration of a document is a consequence of, not a prerequisite for, that document's existence; takes note of the Ombudsman's finding of maladministration by the Commission in this case; is concerned by the fact that the Commission has failed to follow up on the Ombudsman's recommendation following her inquiry to conduct another search for relevant text messages; calls on the Commission to conduct a full search without delay; expresses deep concern about the growing distance between citizens and the EU institutions, which this situation has worsened;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 6**  
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on behalf of the ECR Group

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**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4b. Notes with great concern that the Ombudsman has received many citizens' complaints about extreme delays in gaining access to requested documents; supports the Ombudsman's views that access delayed is effectively access denied and that administrative processes should be streamlined to ensure that citizens receive access to documents in a timely manner;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 7**  
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**Citation 10 a (new)**

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– *having regard to the discharge procedure for the 2021 EU general budget - Commission and executive agencies<sup>1a</sup>;*

<sup>1a</sup> *Texts Adopted, P9\_TA(2023)0137.*

Or. en

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**Amendment 8**

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**Paragraph 4 c (new)**

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*Amendment*

***4c. Recalls that, according to the European Ombudsman, restrictions on access to documents, particularly legislative documents, should be exceptional and limited to what is absolutely necessary; recalls further that any decision denying public access to documents must be based on clearly and strictly defined legal exemptions, accompanied by a reasoned and specific justification, to enable citizens to understand the denial of access and make effective use of the legal remedies available; considers that a more proactive approach would help ensure effective transparency and prevent costly and burdensome legal disputes between citizens and institutions;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 9**

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**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5b. Condemns the lack of transparency from the Commission and pharmaceutical companies regarding the development, purchase and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines;**

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**Amendment 10**

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**Paragraph 4 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4d. Notes with concern that, to date, the Commission has not made available the unredacted versions of the contracts signed with the producers of the COVID-19 vaccines, not only to the public, but even to the Members of the European Parliament;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 11**

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**Paragraph 4 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4d. Calls on the Commission to publish the unredacted versions of the purchase agreements for the COVID-19 vaccines immediately;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 12**

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**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a. Recalls that, in its resolution on public access to documents – annual report for the years 2019-2021 , Parliament underlined that the Commission had been deleting documents, including minutes of closed meetings, reports and internal documents; expresses its concern about the fact that this practice has led to the disappearance of important correspondence relevant to policy decisions; calls on the Commission to ensure the systematic registration and archiving of non-private correspondence related to key political decisions and spending;**

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Or. en

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**Amendment 13**

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**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11a. Notes that the European Public Prosecutor's Office has confirmed that there is an ongoing investigation into the acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in the Union<sup>1a</sup>;***

***<sup>1a</sup> European Public Prosecutor's Office, '[Ongoing EPPO investigation into the acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in the EU](#)', 14 October 2022.***

Or. en

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**Amendment 14**

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**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**2a. Welcomes the Ombudsman's practical recommendations on how to record text and instant messages sent or received by staff members in their professional capacity<sup>1a</sup>; recognises that work-related text and instant messages are 'documents' within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 on public access to documents and invites the other EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies to recognise this, to follow the Ombudsman's recommendations accordingly and to make this follow-up public;**

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<sup>1a</sup> *European Ombudsman, 'Closing note on the strategic initiative on how EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies record text and instant messages sent/received by staff members in their professional capacity (SI/4/2021/MIG)', 13 July 2022.*

Or. en