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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2008, Section I – European Parliament
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United in diversity

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Amendment 1
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes the general concept of **'corporate governance' as a set of processes, customs, policies and rules affecting the way a company or institution is directed, administered and controlled, with the aim of reducing costs and improving output;**

Amendment

1. Notes the general concept of **'good governance', particularly its inherent principles of administrative transparency, efficiency, participation and responsibility,** with the aim of reducing costs and improving output **for the benefit of the groups concerned;**

Or. de

Amendment 2
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

1a. Views the prevention and investigation of corruption as a fundamental precondition of 'good governance';

Amendment

1a. Views the prevention and investigation of corruption as a fundamental precondition of 'good governance';

Or. de

Amendment 3
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. **Draws the attention to the need urgently to introduce a clear and transparent corporate governance system in Parliament defined as a set of**

Amendment

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responsibilities and practices exercised by Parliament's principal decision-makers (the Bureau, the Secretary-General and senior line management) with the aim of:

- providing strategic direction,*
- ensuring that Parliament's objectives are achieved,*
- ascertaining that risks are managed appropriately, and*
- verifying that Parliament's resources are used responsibly;*

Or. en

Amendment 4
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

2. Draws the attention to the need urgently to introduce a clear and transparent **corporate governance system** in Parliament defined as a set of responsibilities and practices exercised by Parliament's principal decision-makers (the Bureau, the Secretary-General and senior line management) with the aim of:

Amendment

2. Draws attention to the need urgently to introduce a clear and transparent **system of governance** in Parliament, defined as a set of responsibilities and practices exercised by Parliament's principal decision-makers (the Bureau, the Secretary-General and senior line management), with the aim of:

Or. de

Amendment 5
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Recalls that a draft report on Parliamentary control of the implementation of the budget by the

policy department on budgetary affairs was issued on 12 March 2009 and recommends that a set of best practices be adopted by Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses that key elements of good corporate governance include ***honesty and integrity***, transparency and openness, responsibility and accountability of the persons entrusted with corporate governance in an organisation;

Amendment

3. Stresses that key elements of good corporate governance include transparency and openness, responsibility and accountability of the persons entrusted with corporate governance in an organisation;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses that key elements of ***good corporate governance*** include honesty and integrity, transparency and openness, responsibility and accountability of the persons entrusted with ***corporate governance*** in an organisation;

Amendment

3. Stresses that key elements ***of a good system of governance*** include honesty and integrity, transparency and openness, responsibility and accountability ***and some degree of independence from top management*** on the part of the persons entrusted with ***governance*** in an organisation;

Or. de

Amendment 8
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that Parliament is a complex organisation in which the boundary between political and administrative decisions is not always clear due to the multilayered character of the institution's governance structure ***and the fact that high-level administrative decision-makers are not always appointed on the basis of their managerial capabilities alone;***

Amendment

5. Notes that Parliament is a complex organisation in which the boundary between political and administrative decisions is not always clear due to the multilayered character of the institution's governance structure;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that Parliament is a complex organisation in which the boundary between political and administrative decisions is ***not always clear*** due to the multilayered character of the institution's governance structure and the fact that high-level administrative decision-makers are not ***always*** appointed on the basis of their managerial capabilities ***alone;***

Amendment

5. Notes that Parliament is a complex organisation in which the boundary between political and administrative decisions ***and responsibilities*** is not always clear due to the multilayered character of the institution's governance structure and the fact that high-level administrative decision-makers are ***usually*** appointed not for their managerial capabilities, ***but rather on the basis of their position of trust within a political group;***

Or. de

Amendment 10
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that complex governance structures and management procedures need *more sophisticated* internal control and risk management systems *than less complex governance structures* in order to ensure accountability and protect the political leadership and the administrative managers from financial and non-financial risks;

Amendment

6. Believes that complex governance structures and management procedures need internal control and risk management systems in order to ensure accountability and protect the political leadership and the administrative managers from financial and non-financial risks;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that *complex governance structures and management procedures need* more sophisticated internal control and risk management systems *than less complex governance structures in order to ensure* accountability and protect the political leadership and the administrative managers from financial and non-financial risks;

Amendment

6. Believes that more sophisticated internal control and risk management systems *will improve* accountability and protect the political leadership and the administrative managers from financial and non-financial risks;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Invites the competent services, therefore, to review and reinforce the minimum internal control standards in order to include lessons learned and to keep in line with developments in risk management and corporate governance; recalls that authorising departments are under an obligation to respect the standards in developing their internal control systems and implementing measures; invites the competent services to seek the opinion of its Committee on Budgetary Control before the revised minimum internal control standards is sent to the Bureau for review and approval;

Amendment

7. Invites the competent services, therefore, to review and, *if necessary*, reinforce the minimum internal control standards in order to include lessons learned and to keep in line with developments in risk management and corporate governance; recalls that authorising departments are under an obligation to respect the standards in developing their internal control systems and implementing measures; invites the competent services to seek the opinion of its Committee on Budgetary Control before the revised minimum internal control standards is sent to the Bureau for review and approval;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Invites the competent services, therefore, to review and reinforce the minimum internal control standards in order to include lessons learned and to keep in line with developments in risk management and *corporate governance*; recalls that authorising departments are under an obligation to respect the standards in developing their internal control systems and implementing measures; invites the competent services to seek the opinion of its Committee on Budgetary Control before

Amendment

7. Invites the competent services, therefore, to review and reinforce the minimum internal control standards in order to include lessons learned and to keep in line with developments in risk management and *governance*; recalls that authorising departments are under an obligation to respect the standards in developing their internal control systems and implementing measures; invites the competent services to seek the opinion of its Committee on Budgetary Control before the revised

the revised minimum internal control standards is sent to the Bureau for review and approval;

minimum internal control standards is sent to the Bureau for review and approval;

Or. de

Amendment 14
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Stresses that the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty has increased Parliament's powers and the workload for its Members and their auxiliary staff; opines that the working conditions in all places of work should adequately reflect the increased need for labour and material; calls on its Secretary-General to submit plans for providing adequate office-space in particular in its Strasbourg offices, where the hygiene cubicles in the offices should be removed and a visitors' reception office should be created;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. In that regard recalls its findings concerning the asbestos rehabilitation works, and asks its Secretary-General to report on the operational and financial results of the works and possible future needs for consequential remedial

measures;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Ville Itälä

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Draws attention to the payments of Strasbourg renovations borne by Parliament and is of the opinion that it those payments should not be borne by the taxpayer but by Strasbourg City Council;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Ville Itälä

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Suggests that its Committee on Budgetary Control receive the buildings questionnaire and the answers thereto at the same time as its Committee on Budgets;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Ville Itälä

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7c. Stresses that there is very little added value of Parl-TV because of the small number of its viewers; is of the opinion that Parl-TV's financing and the whole project should be reviewed;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Notes that, according to the 2009 Eurobarometer, 76 % of the citizens of the Union agree there is corruption within the EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The discharge process - *an occasion for learning and critical scrutiny*

The discharge process

Or. en

Amendment 21
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Recognises that it is unusual for a public institution to discharge itself;*** stresses that the added value of the parliamentary and public procedure leading up to Parliament's discharge of itself is the additional possibility for exercising, in public, a critical scrutiny of the institution's financial management and thereby facilitating European citizens' understanding of Parliament's particular set-up, governance structure and working methods;

Amendment

8. Stresses that the added value of the parliamentary and public procedure leading up to Parliament's discharge of itself is the additional possibility for exercising, in public, a critical scrutiny of the institution's financial management and thereby facilitating European citizens' understanding of Parliament's particular set-up, governance structure and working methods;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Recognises that it is unusual for a public institution to discharge itself; stresses that the added value of the parliamentary and public procedure leading up to Parliament's discharge of itself is the additional possibility for exercising, in public, a critical scrutiny of the institution's financial management and thereby facilitating European citizens' understanding of Parliament's particular set-up, governance structure and working methods;

Amendment

8. Recognises that it is unusual ***and requires high responsibility*** for a public institution to discharge itself; stresses that the added value of the parliamentary and public procedure leading up to Parliament's discharge of itself is the additional possibility for exercising, in public, a critical scrutiny of the institution's financial management and thereby facilitating European citizens' understanding of Parliament's particular set-up, governance structure and working methods;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Draws attention to the fact that Parliament's financial management is an extremely vulnerable and high-risk area and that even non-material shortcomings may result in considerable reputational damage and may cast doubt on Parliament's overall policy achievements;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 24
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Draws attention to the **fact that** Parliament's financial management **is an extremely vulnerable and high-risk area and that** even non-material shortcomings may result in considerable reputational damage **and may cast doubt on** Parliament's **overall** policy achievements;

Amendment

9. Draws attention to the **need for further risk reduction in** Parliament's financial management **where** even non-material shortcomings may result in considerable reputational damage **overshadowing** Parliament's policy achievements **and reminds Parliament's Members and staff of their personal responsibility in Parliament's proper financial management;**

Or. en

Amendment 25
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that critical scrutiny is necessary to ensure that Parliament's financial managers are held fully accountable, because only full transparency offers European citizens an insight into Parliament's financial management and its use of taxpayers' money;

Amendment

10. Stresses that critical scrutiny is necessary to ensure that Parliament's financial managers are held fully accountable, because only full **and complete** transparency offers European citizens an insight into Parliament's financial management and its use of taxpayers' money;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that critical scrutiny is necessary to ensure that Parliament's financial **managers** are held fully accountable, because only full transparency offers European citizens an insight into Parliament's financial management and its use of taxpayers' money;

Amendment

10. Stresses that critical scrutiny is necessary to ensure that Parliament's financial **actors** are held fully accountable, because only full transparency offers European citizens an insight into Parliament's financial management and its use of taxpayers' money;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Further stresses that Parliament's discharging of itself must be seen as an expression of its acknowledgement of its particular governance structures and management procedures as well as its political will and readiness:

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to ensure that:

- 'appearance' does not substitute critical reality checks, and

- ownership of any critical area is clear, and

to avoid:

- intrinsic oversight failure, and

- a culture in which riding the waves becomes the rule and causing the waves the exception;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Further stresses that Parliament's discharging of itself *must be seen as an expression of its acknowledgement of its particular governance structures and management procedures as well as its political will and readiness:*

11. Acknowledges that Parliament's discharging of itself *is due to* particular governance structures *in place in the Union and the process must always* ensure that *there is rapid* ownership and *rapid solution* of any *problems identified;*

to ensure that:

- 'appearance' does not substitute critical reality checks, and

- ownership of any critical area is clear, and

to avoid:

*- intrinsic oversight failure, and
- a culture in which riding the waves
becomes the rule and causing the waves
the exception;*

Or. en

Amendment 29
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Further stresses that Parliament's discharging of itself must be seen as *an expression of its acknowledgement of its particular governance structures and management procedures as well as its political will and readiness: to ensure that:*

- 'appearance' does not substitute critical reality checks, and*
- ownership of any critical area is clear, and to avoid:*
- intrinsic oversight failure, and*

- a culture in which riding the waves becomes the rule and causing the waves the exception;

Amendment

11. Further stresses that Parliament's discharging of itself must be seen as *this EU institution's arrogance which is not unusual within the EU environment and opposes the most generally accepted and common sense corporate government concepts;*

Or. en

Amendment 30
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Heading (before paragraph 12)

Motion for a resolution

The activities of its Committee on

Amendment

deleted

Budgetary Control...

Or. en

**Amendment 31
Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Invites its Committee on Budgetary Control, therefore, not only to continue but also to strengthen its critical analysis of whether Parliament's governance structures and management procedures are sufficient to ensure transparency, correct transactions, and sound financial management;

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 32
Edit Herczog**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Invites its Committee on Budgetary Control, therefore, not only to continue but also to strengthen its critical analysis of whether Parliament's governance structures and management procedures are sufficient to ensure transparency, correct transactions, and sound financial management;

12. Invites its Committee on Budgetary Control, therefore, not only to continue but also to strengthen its critical analysis of whether Parliament's governance structures and management procedures are sufficient to ensure transparency, ***completeness***, correct transactions, and sound financial management;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Stresses that it is a distinctive feature of its internal organisation that Parliament's suppliers (Members) are also customers (Members) and that Parliament, as institution, has a fundamental interest in full transparency in regard to its financial management; expects its Committee on Budgetary Control, therefore, to comply fully with its specific and important parliamentary role by clearly highlighting where improvements can be done;

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Or. en

Amendment 34
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Stresses that ***it is a distinctive feature of its internal organisation that Parliament's suppliers (Members) are also customers (Members) and that*** Parliament, as *institution*, has a fundamental interest in full transparency in regard to its financial management; expects its Committee on Budgetary Control, therefore, to comply fully with its specific and important parliamentary role by clearly highlighting where improvements can be ***done***;

13. Stresses that Parliament, as *institution*, has a fundamental interest in full transparency in regard to its financial management; expects its Committee on Budgetary Control, therefore, to comply fully with its specific and important parliamentary role by clearly highlighting where improvements can be ***made, as it does with other institutions***;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Fully understands that objective, professional and comprehensive analysis of complex decision-making and management structures and procedures is more challenging and time-consuming than purely rhetorical statements and recommends that the Committee on Budgetary Control be better equipped to accomplish its increasingly demanding tasks by reinforcing substantially the establishment plan for that committee's secretariat;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 36
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Fully understands that objective, professional and comprehensive analysis of complex decision-making and management structures and procedures is **more** challenging and time-consuming **than purely rhetorical statements** and recommends that the Committee on Budgetary Control be better equipped to accomplish its increasingly demanding tasks by reinforcing substantially the establishment plan for that committee's secretariat;

Amendment

14. Fully understands that objective, professional and comprehensive analysis of complex decision-making and management structures and procedures is challenging and time-consuming and recommends that the Committee on Budgetary Control be better equipped to accomplish its increasingly demanding tasks by reinforcing substantially the establishment plan for that committee's secretariat;

Amendment 37
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Stresses that the new wording of Article 317 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (introduced by the Lisbon Treaty) will be very challenging for Parliament's control activities and expects that the secretariat of its competent committee - the Committee on Budgetary Control - will receive additional resources so that it can continue to ensure a high-quality service for its Members;

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Amendment 38
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Stresses that the new wording of Article 317 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (introduced by the Lisbon Treaty) **will be** very challenging for Parliament's control activities and expects that the secretariat of its competent committee - the Committee on Budgetary Control - will receive additional resources so that it can continue to ensure a high-quality service for its Members;

15. Stresses that the new wording of Article 317 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (introduced by the Lisbon Treaty) **presents** very challenging **tasks** for Parliament's control activities and expects that the secretariat of its competent committee - the Committee on Budgetary Control - will receive additional resources so that it can continue to ensure a high-quality service for its Members;

Amendment 39
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Stresses that the reinforcement of the committee secretariats cannot be effected on the basis of purely quantitative parameters and invites the Secretary-General to include qualitative parameters as well;

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Amendment 40
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Stresses that the reinforcement of the committee secretariats cannot be effected on the basis of purely quantitative parameters and invites the Secretary-General to include qualitative parameters as well;

16. Stresses that the reinforcement of the committee secretariats cannot be effected on the basis of purely quantitative parameters and invites the Secretary-General to include **well-defined** qualitative parameters as well;

Amendment 41
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

... are an integrated part of the institution's core business

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 42
Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Notes the tradition according to which the Committee on Budgetary Control requests the administration to provide information on various topics in its discharge reports; recommends that those reports be sent directly ***from DG Finance*** to the Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control and published - for the information of the members of the Committee as well as the European citizens - on that Committee's homepage as soon as they have been received by its Chair;

18. Notes the tradition according to which the Committee on Budgetary Control requests the administration to provide information on various topics in its discharge reports; recommends that those reports be sent directly to the Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control and published - for the information of the members of the Committee as well as the European citizens - on that Committee's homepage as soon as they have been received by its Chair;

Or. en

**Amendment 43
Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Further invites the Committee on Budgetary Control to organise a specific exchange of views with the Secretary-General on the replies given by the administration to requests contained in

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discharge resolutions at its ordinary committee meeting in September of each year so as to ensure proper political follow-up in a timely fashion;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Also recommends that Authorising Officers' Annual Activity Reports be published on the Committee's homepage as soon as received by the Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control;

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Or. en

Amendment 45
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Notes that the Belgian government will reimburse EUR 85 896 389 to Parliament at the beginning of 2010; invites the Secretary-General to inform ***in due time*** the ***Committee on Budgetary Control*** on how that money will be used;

24. Notes that the Belgian government will reimburse EUR 85 896 389 to Parliament at the beginning of 2010; invites the Secretary-General to inform ***before taking any irreversible measures*** the ***competent Committees*** on how that money will be used;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Public procurement – *a high-risk area*

Amendment

Public procurement

Or. de

Amendment 47
Ville Itälä

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Recalls the fundamental principles concerning procurement as expressed in paragraph 18 of its resolution of 24 April 2007¹ accompanying the discharge decision in respect to the financial year 2005; notes that the Internal Audit Service carried out a comprehensive audit of the management and control of the public procurement process in Parliament in 2004 and 2005 and that the final report adopted on 31 March 2006 comprised 144 specific measures for implementation over the period to 31 March 2008;

Amendment

25. Notes that the Internal Audit Service carried out a comprehensive audit of the management and control of the public procurement process in Parliament in 2004 and 2005 and that the final report adopted on 31 March 2006 comprised 144 specific measures for implementation over the period to 31 March 2008;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

¹ OJ L 187, 15.7.2008, p. 3.

Motion for a resolution

27. Draws attention to the fact that as interface between the public and the private sector, public procurement is a high-risk area **and that Parliament must devote even more efforts to ensure:**

- compliance with applicable laws, regulation and policies - including the principles of transparency, proportionality, equal treatment and non-discrimination,

- reliability of management information and recording, and

- economy, effectiveness and efficiency of operations;

Amendment

27. Draws attention to the fact that as interface between the public and the private sector, public procurement is a high-risk area **which requires continued close attention;**

Or. en

Amendment 49

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

27. Draws attention to the fact that as interface between the public and the private sector, public procurement is a high-risk area **and that Parliament must devote even more efforts to ensure:**

Amendment

27. Draws attention to the fact that as interface between the public and the private sector, public procurement is, **in general**, a high-risk area; **would welcome a strengthening of Parliament's efforts to ensure:**

Or. en

Amendment 50

Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 - introductory part

Motion for a resolution

27. Draws attention to the fact that as interface between the public and the private sector, public procurement is a high-risk area and that Parliament must devote *even more* efforts to ensure:

Amendment

27. Draws attention to the fact that as interface between the public and the private sector, public procurement is a high-risk area and that Parliament must devote *considerable* efforts to ensure:

Or. en

Amendment 51

Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Draws attention to the fact that as interface between the public and the private sector, public procurement is a high-risk area and that Parliament must devote even more efforts to ensure:

- compliance with applicable laws, regulation and policies - including the principles of transparency, proportionality, equal treatment and non-discrimination,
- reliability of management information and recording, *and*
- economy, effectiveness and efficiency of operations;

Amendment

27. *Notes that public procurement is the area most vulnerable to mismanagement, fraud and corruption, which distort the market, increase the prices paid by consumers for goods and services, and negatively affect the confidence of citizens in the Union;* draws attention to the fact that as interface between the public and the private sector, public procurement is a high-risk area and that Parliament must devote even more efforts to ensure:

- compliance with applicable laws, regulation and policies - including the principles of transparency, proportionality, equal treatment and non-discrimination,
- reliability of management information and recording,
- economy, effectiveness and efficiency of operations,
- *periodical evaluation of its systems of procurement to prevent fraud and corruption,*
- *clear conditions for participation in public procurement are defined and implemented, as well as criteria on which public procurement decisions are made, and*

- risk management and internal control systems are in place and implemented;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Recalls that at each stage of the procurement process - initial assessment of needs, preparing the call for tender, drawing up the calls for tender and the specifications, contacts with tenderers, opening of tenders, evaluation of tenders, award decision, conclusion of contracts - there are significant risks to the achievement of the abovementioned objectives and that action needs to be taken by the authorising officers by delegation, with the assistance of Parliament's central services, to reduce exposure to risk;

Amendment

28. Notes that no rules of public procurement have been set up for the purchase or rental of buildings an area where the European Parliament operates at its own discretion and where there is prima facie evidence that the deals negotiated do not correspond to the best in the market, nor are the needs for further room laid out before any such decision is taken;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Recalls that at each stage of the procurement process - initial assessment of needs, preparing the call for tender, drawing up the calls for tender and the specifications, contacts with tenderers, opening of tenders, evaluation of tenders, award decision, conclusion of contracts -

Amendment

28. Recalls that at each stage of the procurement process - initial assessment of needs, preparing the call for tender, drawing up the calls for tender and the specifications, contacts with tenderers, opening of tenders, evaluation of tenders, award decision, conclusion of contracts -

there are significant risks to the achievement of the abovementioned objectives *and that action needs to be taken by the authorising officers by delegation, with the assistance of Parliament's central services, to reduce exposure to risk;*

there are significant risks to the achievement of the abovementioned objectives *as a result of a complex legal environment and factual necessities;*

Or. en

Amendment 54
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Recalls that at each stage of the procurement process - initial assessment of needs, preparing the call for tender, drawing up the calls for tender and the specifications, contacts with tenderers, opening of tenders, evaluation of tenders, award decision, conclusion of contracts - *there are significant risks to the achievement of the abovementioned objectives and that* action needs to be taken by the authorising officers by delegation, with the assistance of Parliament's central services, to reduce exposure to risk;

Amendment

28. Recalls that at each stage of the procurement process - initial assessment of needs, preparing the call for tender, drawing up the calls for tender and the specifications, contacts with tenderers, opening of tenders, evaluation of tenders, award decision, conclusion of contracts, *action needs to be taken by the authorising officers by delegation, with the assistance of Parliament's central services, to reduce exposure to risk;*

Or. en

Amendment 55
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Recalls that at each stage of the

Amendment

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procurement process - initial assessment of needs, preparing the call for tender, drawing up the calls for tender and the specifications, contacts with tenderers, opening of tenders, evaluation of tenders, award decision, conclusion of contracts - there are significant risks to the achievement of the abovementioned objectives and that action needs to be taken by the authorising officers by delegation, with the assistance of Parliament's central services, to reduce exposure to risk;

procurement process - initial assessment of needs, preparing the call for tender, drawing up the calls for tender and the specifications, contacts with tenderers, opening of tenders, evaluation of tenders, award decision, conclusion of contracts - there are significant risks to the achievement of the abovementioned objectives and that *further* action needs to be taken by the authorising officers by delegation, with the assistance of Parliament's central services, to reduce exposure to risk;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Emphasises the decisive importance to Parliament's credibility of ensuring that the EU rules on public procurement, agreed with significant input from Parliament, are properly and rigorously applied;

Or. de

Amendment 57
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28b. Welcomes and supports the European Ombudsman's efforts to ensure that the rules on the award of public contracts are properly applied and that errors and infringements are investigated and corrected, because only in this way can transparency and fairness be guaranteed;

Or. de

Amendment 58
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28c. In connection with the application to the procedure for financing Parliament's Altiero Spinelli Building of Council Directive 92/50/EEC of 18 June 1992 relating to the coordination of procedures for the award of public service contracts¹, notes with regret the European Ombudsman's finding that 'OLAF failed seriously and objectively to examine the applicability of the Directive. This constitutes an instance of maladministration.' (Paragraph 45 of draft recommendation 1450/2007/(WP)BEH, available only in English);

Or. de

¹ *OJ L 209 of 24.7.1992, p. 1.*

Amendment 59
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28d. Points to Special Report No 2/2007 of the Court of Auditors, in which the Court reviewed the procedure for the Willy Brandt and József Antall buildings and found that in place of the competitive tendering normally envisaged by the Financial Regulation and the directives on public procurement, the method of 'negotiated procedure' (without advertising) had been used, which meant that the prices paid 'have not been determined under conditions of open competition' (Report, paragraph 23, Official Journal C 148 of 2.7.2007, page 1);

Or. de

Amendment 60
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28e. Points to the fundamental significance of the European Court of Justice's judgment of 29 October 2009 in case C-536/07; welcomes the fact that this judgment enables the City of Cologne to renegotiate a contract with a private undertaking for the lease of exhibition halls, since the original contract breached Council Directive 93/37/EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning the coordination of procedures for the award of public works

contracts¹;

Or. de

Amendment 61
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28f. In the light of the C-536/07 judgment and on the basis of Article 103 of the Financial Regulation, calls on the Praesidium of Parliament to investigate whether sums already paid to private contractors for the Willy Brandt and József Antall buildings might not be recovered if tendering rules have been infringed;

Or. de

Amendment 62
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Urgent actions

Reform of the Financial Regulation

Or. en

Amendment 63
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

¹ *OJ. L 199 of 9.8.1993, p. 54.*

Motion for a resolution

29. Invites the Secretary-General to take **urgent action in regard to the following areas:**

(a) Training: Recognises that progress has been made in the provision of training courses on procurement; considers the drafting of full, clear and precise technical specifications and particularly of adequate exclusion, selection and award criteria a priority;

(b) Specialist function: Takes the view that procurement needs to be recognised as a 'specialist function' in Parliament's register of professional skills because full expertise is needed to deal with all the complex requirement of procurement procedures; stresses that 'full expertise' cannot be expected by staff whose main concern is their core operational tasks; recommends the creation of 'specialist procurement officers';

(c) Sensitive posts: Recommends that posts entailing significant decision-making powers in the procurement area should be considered as 'sensitive posts' and should therefore be made subject to appropriate rotation and/or to additional internal control measures;

(d) External staff - Code of Conduct: Recommends - on the basis of Article 57 of the Financial Regulation - that staff from external service providers should, as a general rule, be excluded from performing tasks linked to management of the procurement process; notes that the former Secretary-General issued "Guidelines on relations with external staff" on 2 July 2008; invites the Secretary-General to clarify the status and enforceability of those 'guidelines' and to make them mandatory in all procurement procedures by having them adopted by the Bureau;

(e) Procurement compliance function:

Amendment

29. Invites the Secretary General to take **an active part in the upcoming tri-annual revision of the Financial Regulation by giving administrative advice on areas in need of reform;**

Believes that adequate 'checkpoints' must be built into the procurement process at all critical stages and finds that the performance of this function could be entrusted to a 'procurement compliance function', which should be understood as a set of control activities to be carried out during the procurement process and not as an additional post;

(f) Organisation of procurement: Stresses that Parliament's strategic challenge is to determine how the benefits of decentralisation can be maintained while maximising 'cross-departmental' efficiency and effectiveness in the interest of fair and open procurement; recommends a strategic shift aiming at creating a central Parliament support unit that would act as a service provider to the contracting departments; takes the firm view that there is scope for combining a degree of centralisation of expertise with the maintenance of departmental control over the subject of the tender, specifications, evaluation and award;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29d

Motion for a resolution

29d. External staff - Code of Conduct: Recommends - on the basis of Article 57 of the Financial Regulation - that staff from external service providers should, as a general rule, be excluded from performing tasks linked to management of the procurement process; notes that the former Secretary-General issued "Guidelines on relations with external staff" on 2 July 2008; invites the Secretary-General to

Amendment

29d. External staff - Code of Conduct: Recommends - on the basis of Article 57 of the Financial Regulation - that staff from external service providers should, as a general rule, be excluded from performing tasks *or introduce appropriate controls to avoid conflict of interest situations*, linked to management of the procurement process; notes that the former Secretary-General issued "Guidelines on relations

clarify the status and enforceability of those 'guidelines' and to make them mandatory in all procurement procedures by having them adopted by the Bureau;

with external staff" on 2 July 2008; invites the Secretary-General to clarify the status and enforceability of those 'guidelines' and to make them mandatory in all procurement procedures by having them adopted by the Bureau;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Article 54 of the Implementing Rules¹ -
"reverse that trend"

Article 54 of the Implementing Rules¹

Or. en

Amendment 66
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Takes the view that the increase registered between 2007 and 2008 clearly obliges the authorising officers to take measures to 'reverse the trend'; is **unhappy with** the administration's remark that "it is difficult to reduce further the use of negotiated procedures" (Annual report on the contracts awarded by the European Parliament, 2008, paragraph 39);

36. Takes the view that the increase registered between 2007 and 2008 clearly obliges the authorising officers to take measures to 'reverse the trend'; is **concerned about** the administration's remark that "it is difficult to reduce further the use of negotiated procedures" (Annual report on the contracts awarded by the European Parliament, 2008, paragraph 39);

Or. en

Amendment 67
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Takes the view that the increase registered between 2007 and 2008 clearly obliges the authorising officers to take measures to 'reverse the trend'; ***is unhappy with the administration's remark that "it is difficult to reduce further the use of negotiated procedures" (Annual report on the contracts awarded by the European Parliament, 2008, paragraph 39);***

Amendment

36. Takes the view that the increase registered between 2007 and 2008 clearly obliges the authorising officers to take measures to 'reverse the trend'; ***invites the Secretary-General to report to its Committee on Budgetary Control on measures taken before 1 September 2010;***

Or. en

Amendment 68
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

Article 60(4) and (7) of the Financial Regulation¹

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 69
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43. Notes that Article 60(4) of the Financial Regulation requires each Authorising Officer by Delegation to "put in place (...) the internal management and control procedures suited to the performance of his/her duties (...)" and that the second paragraph of Article 60(7) of the Financial Regulation requires the same actor in the financial management to report on "the efficiency and effectiveness" of the systems he/she has put in place; takes the view that the two functions are incompatible and that they should be carried out by different actors;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 70

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43. Notes that Article 60(4) of the Financial Regulation requires each Authorising Officer by Delegation to "put in place (...) the internal management and control procedures suited to the performance of his/her duties (...)" and that the second paragraph of Article 60(7) of the Financial Regulation requires the same actor in the financial management to report on "the efficiency and effectiveness" of the systems he/she has put in place; **takes the view that the two functions are incompatible and that they should be carried out by different actors;**

43. Notes that Article 60(4) of the Financial Regulation requires each Authorising Officer by Delegation to "put in place (...) the internal management and control procedures suited to the performance of his/her duties (...)" and that the second paragraph of Article 60(7) of the Financial Regulation requires the same actor in the financial management to report on "the efficiency and effectiveness" of the systems he/she has put in place;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

44. Draws attention to the fact that the Financial Regulation as adopted by the EU legislator is a political text and not a professional one, that it is drafted by the Commission and that its wording mainly reflects the interests of the Commission's Directors-General which are not necessarily the same as the interests of Parliament's Secretary-General in his capacity as the institution's Principal Authorising Officer;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 72
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

44. Draws attention to the fact that the Financial Regulation as adopted by the EU legislator is a ***political*** text ***and not a professional one, that it is*** drafted by the Commission ***and that its*** wording ***mainly reflects*** the interests of the Commission's Directors-General which ***are*** not ***necessarily*** the same as the interests of Parliament's Secretary-General in his capacity as the institution's Principal Authorising Officer;

Amendment

44. Draws attention to the fact that the Financial Regulation as adopted by the EU legislator is a text, drafted by the Commission, ***the*** wording ***of which tends to reflect*** the interests of the Commission's Directors-General which ***may*** not ***be*** the same as the interests of Parliament's Secretary-General in his capacity as the institution's Principal Authorising Officer;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*Second opinion on management
representations needed*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 74
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

45. Believes that Parliament could - on its own initiative - take measures to mitigate the risks inherent in the Authorising Officers' role as both 'manager' and 'controller' following Article 60(4) and (7) of the Financial Regulation and thereby strengthen (i) the protection of Parliament's political leadership and its Secretary-General and (ii) its internal accountability chain;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 75
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46. Expects initiatives aiming at giving the Secretary-General the possibility to demonstrate - on the basis of further analysis - that the management

deleted

representations contained in the annual activity reports and the declarations of the Directors-General present a complete and reliable picture and that any problems have been brought to his attention;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Expects initiatives *aiming at giving the* Secretary-General *the possibility to* demonstrate - on the basis of further *analysis* - that the management representations contained in the annual activity reports and the declarations of the Directors-General present a complete and reliable picture and that any problems have been brought to his attention;

Amendment

46. Expects initiatives *by the* Secretary-General to demonstrate - on the basis of further *analysis* - that the management representations contained in the annual activity reports and the declarations of the Directors-General present a complete and reliable picture and that any problems have been brought to his attention;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Expects initiatives *aiming at giving the* Secretary-General *the possibility to demonstrate - on the basis of* further *analysis - that the management representations contained in the annual activity reports and the declarations of the Directors-General present* a complete and reliable picture and that any problems *have*

Amendment

46. Expects initiatives *from the* Secretary-General *who, as Principal Authorising Officer by Delegation has the responsibility for the overall internal control system, to carry out* further *analysis of the* activity reports and the declarations of the Directors-General *so that* a complete and reliable picture *is*

been brought to his attention;

available for review and that remedies can be put in place for any problems which are identified;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47. Takes the view that management representations and declarations in general should be considered with healthy scepticism if a second opinion on such documents is not available; invites its Committee on Budgetary Control to deal with this matter in the upcoming revision of the Financial Regulation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 79
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47. Takes the view that management representations and declarations in general should *be considered with healthy scepticism if a second opinion on such documents is not available*; invites its Committee on Budgetary Control to deal with this matter in the upcoming revision of the Financial Regulation;

47. Takes the view that management representations and declarations in general should *routinely include* a second opinion; invites its Committee on Budgetary Control to deal with this matter in the upcoming revision of the Financial Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

48. Notes the Secretary-General's reply to question No 4.6 in the Committee's "Questionnaire" according to which the Secretary-General, as Principal Authorising Officer by Delegation has the "responsibility for the overall internal control system";

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 81
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. Further notes - **and strongly regrets** - that only some Directors-General "indicated the risks associated with their operations or reported on the working of their internal control systems" (reply to Question 4.2.1) while the Financial Regulation in the second paragraph of Article 60(7) clearly states that Authorising Officers shall indicate in the annual activity report "the efficiency and effectiveness of the internal control system";

Amendment

49. Further notes that only some Directors-General "indicated the risks associated with their operations or reported on the working of their internal control systems" (reply to Question 4.2.1) while the Financial Regulation in the second paragraph of Article 60(7) clearly states that Authorising Officers shall indicate in the annual activity report "the efficiency and effectiveness of the internal control system";

Or. en

Amendment 82
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. Further notes - and **strongly** regrets - that only some Directors-General "indicated the risks associated with their operations or reported on the working of their internal control systems" (reply to Question 4.2.1) while the Financial Regulation in the second paragraph of Article 60(7) clearly states that Authorising Officers shall indicate in the annual activity report "the efficiency and effectiveness of the internal control system";

Amendment

49. Further notes - and regrets - that only some Directors-General "indicated the risks associated with their operations or reported on the working of their internal control systems" (reply to Question 4.2.1) while the Financial Regulation in the second paragraph of Article 60(7) clearly states that Authorising Officers shall indicate in the annual activity report "the efficiency and effectiveness of the internal control system";

Or. en

Amendment 83
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50

Motion for a resolution

50. Notes **with surprise** that that failure was "no doubt due to the fact that the instructions for the drafting of the 2008 annual activity reports left the Authorising Officers by delegation greater latitude in the manner in which they reported, notably on their internal control systems" (reply to Question No 4.2.); is pleased however to note that the instructions in this regard for the 2009 reports were stricter;

Amendment

50. Notes that that failure was "no doubt due to the fact that the instructions for the drafting of the 2008 annual activity reports left the Authorising Officers by delegation greater latitude in the manner in which they reported, notably on their internal control systems" (reply to Question No 4.2.); is pleased however to note that the instructions in this regard for the 2009 reports were stricter **and expects that all Director-Generals act accordingly**;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Protection of the institution's leadership *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 85
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

51. Recalls that the objective of an internal control system is to protect the institution's political and administrative leadership from unpleasant surprises; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 86
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

51. Recalls that the objective of an internal control system is to *protect the institution's political and administrative leadership from unpleasant surprises;*

51. Recalls that the objective of an internal control system is to *ensure correct expenditure in line with the financial regulations;*

Or. en

Amendment 87
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

51. Recalls that the objective of an internal control system is to protect the institution's political and administrative leadership *from unpleasant surprises*;

Amendment

51. Recalls that the objective of an internal control system is to protect the institution's political and administrative leadership;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Further recalls that such protection will only be efficient if decentralisation of financial management is carried out in full recognition of the fact that central, institutional interests may be different from those of individual Authorising Officers;

deleted

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 89
Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

Better checks and balances

deleted

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 90
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

53. Stresses that in any system of financial management there must be a counterweight to those who authorise expenditure and is of the opinion that the present counterweight function only offers Parliament's political and administrative leadership a minimum degree of protection;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 91
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

53. Stresses that in any system of financial management there must be **a counterweight to those who authorise** expenditure and is of the opinion that the present counterweight function only offers Parliament's political and administrative leadership a minimum degree of protection;

Amendment

53. Stresses that in any system of financial management there must be **appropriate checks and balances when** expenditure **is authorised** and is of the opinion that the present counterweight function only offers Parliament's political and administrative leadership a minimum degree of protection;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53

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Motion for a resolution

53. Stresses that in any system of financial management there must be a counterweight to those who authorise expenditure and is of the opinion that the present counterweight function **only offers** Parliament's political and administrative leadership **a minimum degree of** protection;

Amendment

53. Stresses that in any system of financial management there must be a counterweight to those who authorise expenditure and is of the opinion that the present counterweight function **should be improved in order to offer** Parliament's political and administrative leadership **the best possible** protection;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

Measures to be taken

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 94
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. Invites the Secretary-General, therefore, to inform the discharge authority **as soon as possible and no later than 1 July 2010 about the precise measures - and deadline for implementation - he has taken or will take in view of reinforcing the internal control system and in particular as regards:**
- obtaining a second opinion at random on management representations,

Amendment

54. Invites the Secretary-General, therefore, to inform the discharge authority **by means of** clearer, shorter, more precise, more relevant, more professional annual activity reports aiming at providing the discharge authority with relevant information on the institution's use of public money;

- *reinforcing the Central Financial Unit allowing it fully to shoulder its central responsibility for the systemic adequacy of the internal control system on behalf of the Principal Authorising Officer by Delegation,*
- *ensuring full compliance with Article 60(7) of the Financial Regulation by all Authorising Officers,*
- *strengthening the counterweight function,*
- *achieving* clearer, shorter, more precise, more relevant, more professional annual activity reports aiming at providing the discharge authority with relevant information on the institution's use of public money,
- *adopting any other measure necessary for the Secretary-General to issue a meaningful declaration of assurance;*

Or. en

Amendment 95
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. Invites the Secretary-General, therefore, to inform the discharge authority as soon as possible and no later than **1 July 2010** about the precise measures - and deadline for implementation - he has taken or will take in view of reinforcing the internal control system and in particular as regards:

- *obtaining a second opinion at random on management representations,*
- *reinforcing the Central Financial Unit allowing it fully to shoulder its central responsibility for the systemic adequacy of the internal control system on behalf of the Principal Authorising Officer by*

Amendment

54. Invites the Secretary-General, therefore, to inform the discharge authority as soon as possible and no later than **31 December 2010** about the precise measures - and deadline for implementation - he has taken or will take in view of reinforcing the internal control system and in particular as regards:

Delegation,

- ensuring **full compliance** with Article 60(7) of the Financial Regulation **by** all Authorising Officers,
- **strengthening the counterweight function,**
- achieving clearer, shorter, more precise, more relevant, more professional annual activity reports aiming at providing the discharge authority with relevant information on the institution's use of public money, adopting any other measure necessary for the Secretary-General to issue a meaningful declaration of assurance;

- ensuring **activity reports fully comply** with Article 60(7) of the Financial Regulation **from** all Authorising Officers,
- achieving clearer, shorter, more precise, more relevant, more professional annual activity reports aiming at providing the discharge authority with relevant information on the institution's use of public money, adopting any other measure necessary for the Secretary-General to issue a meaningful declaration of assurance;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. Invites the Secretary-General, therefore, to inform the discharge authority as soon as possible and no later than **1 July 2010** about the precise measures - and deadline for implementation - he has taken or will take in view of reinforcing the internal control system and in particular as regards:

- obtaining a second opinion at random on management representations,
- reinforcing **the Central Financial Unit allowing it fully to shoulder its central** responsibility for the systemic adequacy of the internal control system on behalf of the Principal Authorising Officer by Delegation,
- ensuring full compliance with Article 60(7) of the Financial Regulation by all Authorising Officers,
- strengthening the counterweight function,

Amendment

54. Invites the Secretary-General, therefore, to inform the discharge authority as soon as possible and no later than **1 September 2010** about the precise measures - and deadline for implementation - he has taken or will take in view of reinforcing the internal control system and in particular as regards:

- obtaining a second opinion at random on management representations,
- reinforcing **the services with** responsibility for the systemic adequacy of the internal control system on behalf of the Principal Authorising Officer by Delegation,
- ensuring full compliance with Article 60(7) of the Financial Regulation by all Authorising Officers,
- strengthening the counterweight function,

- achieving clearer, shorter, more precise, more relevant, more professional annual activity reports aiming at providing the discharge authority with relevant information on the institution's use of public money,
- adopting any other measure necessary for the Secretary-General to issue a meaningful declaration of assurance;

- achieving clearer, shorter, more precise, more relevant, more professional annual activity reports aiming at providing the discharge authority with relevant information on the institution's use of public money,
- adopting any other measure necessary for the Secretary-General to issue a meaningful declaration of assurance;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 – indents 6 a, 6 b and 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*- performing internal controls for negotiated and restricted contracts dating back to 2008 and making their findings public; intensifying such internal controls and applying dissuasive sanctions in the event of any irregularities,
- publishing a complete annual list of all companies that were awarded negotiated and restricted contracts from 2008, and
- the Parliament shall assume formal responsibility for the content of the information published on its website regarding invitations to tender.*

Or. en

Amendment 98
Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54a. Calls on the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) to periodically verify negotiated and restricted contracts awarded by Parliament; further stresses the need to check which companies are linked by their shareholders to the staff or Members of the Parliament and are in a situation of conflicts of interest;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Parliament's budget too big to be implemented on trust?

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 100
Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Parliament's budget too big to be implemented on trust?

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 101
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. Recalls that Parliament's budget for 2008 amounted to EUR 1 453 million and takes the firm view that a statement of assurance on such an amount of public money must be based on solid systems;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 102
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 57

Motion for a resolution

57. Recalls that the financial resources of Parliament comprise taxpayers' money and that any institution using public funds has an obligation to explain how those funds have been used and to give comprehensive, objective and relevant information on the degree to which the funds have been used for the intended purposes and in accordance with the principles of sound financial management (economy, efficiency, effectiveness);

Amendment

57. Recalls that the financial resources of Parliament comprise taxpayers' money and that any institution using public funds has an obligation to explain how those funds have been used and to give comprehensive, objective and relevant information on the degree to which the funds have been used for the intended purposes and in accordance with the principles of sound financial management (economy, efficiency, effectiveness) **and transparency**;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 57 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

57a. Recalls that all grants are subject to the principle of transparency and equal treatment, in particular, Article 109 (1) and Article 110 (2) of the Financial Regulation and Article 169 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 (the implementing rules); stresses that this applies to all beneficiaries of Union funds, including Parliament staff and their relatives receiving subsidies for private excursions (skiing or other); asks the administration to follow up on the examination of such payments;

Or. en

**Amendment 104
Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 58**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A missed opportunity?

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 105
Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58. Believes that in this context and having regard to the well-known reputational risk involved in the activities of Parliament it would have been

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ambitious and forward-looking to include in the abovementioned objectives new ideas and strategies aimed at strengthening Parliament's accountability towards European taxpayers;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

59. Notes that the identification and achievement of world-class, risk-based, sound financial management in Parliament and full transparency towards European citizens on how Parliament uses public funds were not among the objectives for 2008 - 2009;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 107
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

59. Notes that the identification and achievement of world-class, risk-based, sound financial management in Parliament and full transparency towards European citizens on how Parliament uses public funds were not among the objectives for 2008 - 2009;

59. Calls on the Secretary-General to ensure that world-class, risk-based, sound financial management in Parliament and full transparency towards European citizens on how Parliament uses public funds is an objective to be reached in 2010;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

60. Stresses that some reputational risks are much more dangerous than financial *risks* and invites the Secretary-General together with the authorising officers to ***take the opportunity to make Parliament the first public sector institution in the world to be up-front about its own*** risk profile;

Amendment

60. Stresses that some reputational risks are much more dangerous than financial *risks* and invites the Secretary-General together with the authorising officers to ***fully evaluate Parliament's*** risk profile;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. ***Notes that*** the creation of the post of risk manager ***is in the administrative work programme 2009 - 2011 and stresses that the post should be created as soon as possible and no later than 1 May 2010 due to the size of Parliament's budget and the well-known, high reputational risk involved in the activities of Parliament;***

Amendment

61. ***Welcomes*** the creation of the post of risk manager ***on 24 February 2010 and asks the newly appointed risk manager to inform the competent committees at the earliest possible convenience of the concept for a risk approach and strategy to be taken in the future;***

Or. en

Amendment 110
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Notes that the creation of the post of risk manager is in the administrative work programme 2009 - 2011 and stresses that the post should be created as soon as possible and no later than 1 May 2010 due to the size of Parliament's budget and the well-known, **high** reputational risk involved in the activities of Parliament;

Amendment

61. Notes that the creation of the post of risk manager is in the administrative work programme 2009 - 2011 and stresses that the post should be created as soon as possible and no later than 1 May 2010 due to the size of Parliament's budget and the well-known, reputational risk involved in the activities of Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Notes that the creation of the post of risk manager is in the administrative work programme 2009 - 2011 and stresses that the post should be created as soon as possible and no later than **1 May 2010** due to the size of Parliament's budget and the well-known, high reputational risk involved in the activities of Parliament;

Amendment

61. Notes that the creation of the post of risk manager is in the administrative work programme 2009 - 2011 and stresses that the post should be created as soon as possible and no later than **the end of 2010** due to the size of Parliament's budget and the well-known, high reputational risk involved in the activities of Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62

Motion for a resolution

62. Notes **that risk management is primarily a matter for the responsible managers and** that the role and function of

Amendment

62. Notes that the role and function of a specific risk manager should be to assist Authorising Officers in their managing of

a specific risk manager should be to assist Authorising Officers in their managing of risks by advice and coordination;

risks by advice and coordination;

Or. de

Amendment 113
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

63. Stresses that the independence, role and functioning of the risk manager is **more important than his/her placing in the establishment plan**; notes and agrees that the risk manager will be attached directly to the office of the Secretary-General;

Amendment

63. Stresses that the independence, role and functioning of a risk manager is **important**; notes and welcomes the fact that the risk manager will be attached directly to the office of the Secretary-General;

Or. de

Amendment 114
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. Expects that its principal decision-makers in this area - the Bureau, the Secretary-General and the Director-General for Personnel - take, as soon as possible, the necessary measures to ensure that Parliament's internal rules and procedures as regards missions fully and consistently comply with the principle of sound financial management and the Staff Regulations;

Amendment

67. Expects that its principal decision-makers in this area - the Bureau, the Secretary-General and the Director-General for Personnel - take, as soon as possible **after the return of a decision**, the necessary measures to ensure that Parliament's internal rules and procedures as regards missions fully and consistently comply with the principle of sound financial management and the Staff Regulations;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

68a. Calls on the Secretary-General, the Director-General for Personnel and the Director-General for Innovation and Technological Support to look at how far use might be made of new video-conferencing technologies as a way of reducing the cost of missions; points especially to the use of Open Source software as a secure and cheap way of conducting video conferences;

Or. de

Amendment 116
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

68b. Calls on the Secretary-General and the Director-General for Personnel to end the system of flat-rate reimbursement of mission expenses and replace it with a system whereby only costs actually incurred are reimbursed; points in this context to the need to encourage staff to choose less expensive travel and accommodation options, perhaps by publishing individuals' mission expenses on Parliament's website so that they are fully transparent;

Or. de

Amendment 117
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 70

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

70. Takes the view that this budget line should not be increased before an evaluation has provided evidence that the system in fact provides for transparency, legality and sound financial management;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 118
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 70

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

70. Takes the view that this budget line should **not** be increased **before** an evaluation **has provided evidence that the system in fact provides for** transparency, legality and sound financial management;

70. Takes the view that this budget line should **only** be increased **in parallel with** an evaluation **of the system's** transparency, legality and sound financial management;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

71. Welcomes the newly established framework as a step in the right direction; stresses that European citizens have a

deleted

right to be informed about Members' use of public funds;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 73

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

73. Believes that Members are to be considered as "final beneficiaries" of EU funds and that they consequently have to make the use of those funds public by means of an easily accessible database and in line with the Commission's Transparency Initiative (COM(2006)0194); **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 121
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 75

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

75. Recalls - as stated in paragraph 104 of its resolution of 23 April 2009¹ accompanying the discharge decision in respect to the financial year 2007 - that the Members' additional voluntary pension scheme (the fund) originally should have been established as a self-governing entity outside the structure of Parliament and that ultimate financial responsibility for the fund should be **deleted**

¹ OJ L 255, 26.9.2009, p. 3.

carried by the fund and its members and not by Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 75

Motion for a resolution

75. Recalls – as stated in paragraph 104 of its resolution of 23 April 2009 accompanying the discharge decision in respect to the financial year 2007 – that the Members' additional voluntary pension scheme (the fund) originally should have been established as a self-governing entity outside the structure of Parliament **and** that ultimate financial responsibility for the fund **should be carried** by the fund and its members and not by Parliament;

Amendment

75. Recalls – as stated in paragraph 104 of its resolution of 23 April 2009 accompanying the discharge decision in respect to the financial year 2007 – that the Members' additional voluntary pension scheme (the fund) originally should have been established as a self-governing entity outside the structure of Parliament; **takes the view** that ultimate financial responsibility for the fund is **borne by** the fund and its members and not by Parliament **and that tax money may not be used to cover any losses of this fund**;

Or. de

Amendment 123
Søren Bo Søndergaard

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76

Motion for a resolution

76. Recalls the European Court of Auditors' remarks in its 2006 and 2007 Annual Reports on the need to establish clear rules to define the liabilities and responsibilities of Parliament and of the members of the fund in the event of a deficit;

Amendment

76. Recalls the European Court of Auditors' remarks in its 2006 and 2007 Annual Reports on the need to establish clear rules to define the liabilities and responsibilities of Parliament and of the members of the fund in the event of a deficit; **calls on the Secretary General to put forward a proposal by 31 December**

2010 to resolve this, while respecting the decision by the Plenary that no additional tax money will be used to cover the deficit;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 77

Motion for a resolution

77. Is shocked that on 31 December 2008, the Fund incurred an actuarial deficit of EUR 121 844 000 and that, on the same date, the fund evaluated the remaining benefits to be paid to the members of the fund as EUR 276 984 000 (ECA Annual Report Annex 11.2);

Amendment

77. Is shocked that on 31 December 2008, the Fund incurred an actuarial deficit of EUR 121 844 000 and that, on the same date, the fund evaluated the remaining benefits to be paid to the members of the fund as EUR 276 984 000 (ECA Annual Report Annex 11.2) ***while having assets in the form of investments in the amount of EUR 155 140 000;***

Or. en

Amendment 125
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 77

Motion for a resolution

77. ***Is shocked*** that on 31 December 2008, the Fund incurred an actuarial deficit of EUR 121 844 000 and that, on the same date, the fund evaluated the remaining benefits to be paid to the members of the fund as EUR 276 984 000 (ECA Annual Report Annex 11.2);

Amendment

77. ***Notes*** that on 31 December 2008, the Fund incurred an actuarial deficit of EUR 121 844 000 and that, on the same date, the fund evaluated the remaining benefits to be paid to the members of the fund as EUR 276 984 000 (ECA Annual Report Annex 11.2);

Or. en

Amendment 126
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 79

Motion for a resolution

79. Notes the independent auditor's report according to which "the provision for pensions and similar obligations has been calculated based on a return of investment of 6,5% per year";

Amendment

79. Notes the independent auditor's report according to which "the provision for pensions and similar obligations has been calculated based on a return of investment of 6,5% per year", ***which figure is not realistic***;

Or. en

Amendment 127
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 80

Motion for a resolution

Bureau takes a different position from Plenary

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 128
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 80

Motion for a resolution

80. Notes that in this particular case the Bureau has on several occasions taken a different position from that expressed by Plenary in its resolutions on discharges in respect of the implementation of the

Amendment

deleted

Parliament's budget for the financial years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 81

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Practical meaning of political responsibility

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 130
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 81

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

81. Regrets that the recommendations in its resolutions of 21 April 2004¹ and 26 September 2006² accompanying the discharge decisions in respect to the financial years 2002 and 2004 concerning the identification and definition of "the precise practical meaning of the political responsibility attaching to the members of Parliament's governing bodies as regards the exercise of powers and the taking of decisions with significant financial consequences" have not been fully acted upon;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 131
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

82. Believes that the difference of opinion between Plenary and the Bureau is an example of the risks involved in the multilayered governance structure of Parliament; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 132
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 83

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

83. Regrets the present situation which allows the Bureau - contrary to the opinion expressed by the Plenary - to take decisions with enormous financial consequences for Parliament without corresponding and adequate provision for accountability; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 133
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 84

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Towards adequate provision for accountability *deleted*

Amendment 134
Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 84

Motion for a resolution

84. ***Stresses that the only way to reduce this reputational risk is to provide full transparency*** concerning decisions to be taken by its governing bodies, namely, the President, the Bureau, the Quaestors and the Conference of Presidents;

Amendment

84. ***Stresses the need of full transparency*** concerning decisions to be taken by its governing bodies, namely, the President, the Bureau, the Quaestors and the Conference of Presidents;

Amendment 135
Andrea Cozzolino

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85

Motion for a resolution

85. Invites the Vice-President responsible for budgetary affairs together with the competent service to consider in which way he/she can improve the information on decisions with major budgetary consequences to the discharge authority; takes the view that oral information as given to the Committee at present is not adequate and does not satisfy European taxpayers' need for comprehensive and relevant information;

Amendment

85. Invites ***the Bureau to consider the possibility of making the information given to the Committee on Budgets on decisions with major budgetary consequences more readily accessible to the Committee on Budgetary Control in order better to satisfy the information needs of the discharge authority and European taxpayers;***

Amendment 136
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85

Motion for a resolution

85. Invites the Vice-President responsible for budgetary affairs together with the competent service to consider in which way he/she can improve the information on decisions with major budgetary consequences to the discharge authority; ***takes the view that oral information as given to the Committee at present is not adequate and does not satisfy European taxpayers' need for comprehensive and relevant information;***

Amendment

85. Invites the Vice-President responsible for budgetary affairs together with the competent service to consider in which way he/she can improve the information on decisions with major budgetary consequences to the discharge authority;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85

Motion for a resolution

85. Invites the Vice-President responsible for budgetary affairs together with the competent service to consider in which way he/she can improve the information on decisions with major budgetary consequences to the discharge authority; takes the view that oral information ***as given to the Committee at present is not adequate and does not*** satisfy European ***taxpayers'*** need for comprehensive and relevant information;

Amendment

85. Invites the Vice-President responsible for budgetary affairs together with the competent service to consider in which way he/she can improve the information on decisions with major budgetary consequences to the discharge authority; takes the view that oral information ***for the Committee, on Bureau decisions already taken, be supplemented with written information, in order to*** satisfy ***the*** European ***taxpayer's*** need for comprehensive and relevant information;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85

Motion for a resolution

85. Invites the Vice-President responsible for budgetary affairs together with the competent service ***to consider in which way he/she can improve the information*** on decisions with major budgetary consequences to the discharge authority; takes the view that oral information as given to the Committee at present is not adequate and does not satisfy European taxpayers' need for comprehensive and relevant information;

Amendment

85. Invites the Vice-President responsible for budgetary affairs together with the competent service ***to inform the discharge authority in writing*** on decisions with major budgetary consequences; takes the view that oral information as given to the Committee at present is not adequate and does not satisfy European taxpayers' need for comprehensive and relevant information;

Or. sv

Amendment 139
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution

86. Takes the view that the Bureau as the body competent within Parliament for financial and administrative decisions affecting Members and the running of the institution, has a particular responsibility to foster democratic accountability ***and recommends, therefore, that the Vice-Presidents of its Committee on Budgetary Control be appointed permanent observer of the Bureau with a speaking right but no voting right,***

Amendment

86. Takes the view that the Bureau as the body competent within Parliament for financial and administrative decisions affecting Members and the running of the institution, has a particular responsibility to foster democratic accountability;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 88

Motion for a resolution

88. Draws attention to the fact that matters concerning accountability in public politics and management of public institution's reputational risks are issues which cannot and should not be reduced to legal considerations ***and that its Legal Service should not, therefore, be dealing with such questions;***

Amendment

88. Draws attention to the fact that matters concerning accountability in public politics and management of public institution's reputational risks are issues which cannot and should not be reduced to legal considerations;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 88

Motion for a resolution

88. Draws attention to the fact that matters concerning accountability in public politics and management of a public institution's reputational risks are issues which cannot and should not be reduced to legal considerations ***and that its Legal Service should not, therefore, be dealing with such questions;***

Amendment

88. Draws attention to the fact that matters concerning accountability in public politics and management of a public institution's reputational risks are issues which cannot and should not be reduced to legal considerations;

Or. de

Amendment 142
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 89

Motion for a resolution

The Annual Report of Parliament's
Internal Auditor

Amendment

Reports of the Parliament's Internal
Auditor

Or. en

Amendment 143
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 90

Motion for a resolution

90. Stresses that its former position within the organisation did not prevent the Internal Audit Service from performing its functions in accordance with professional and regulatory requirements; expects that **its new position** will improve the flow of essential information on risk issues from the Secretary-General and thereby facilitate the Internal Auditor's role of advising the institution on dealing with risks;

Amendment

90. Stresses that its former position within the organisation did not prevent the Internal Audit Service from performing its functions in accordance with professional and regulatory requirements; **welcomes its new position and** expects that **it** will improve the flow of essential information on risk issues from the Secretary-General and thereby facilitate the Internal Auditor's role of advising the institution on dealing with risks;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 94

Motion for a resolution

Too many open actions?

Amendment

Remaining open actions

Or. en

Amendment 145
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 95

Motion for a resolution

95. Welcomes the improvements in the DG's management and internal control systems but questions the **high** number of uncompleted actions showing an overall completion rate of only 80,53% over a relatively long time period which should have given the responsible services sufficient time to undertake corrective action;

Amendment

95. Welcomes the improvements in the DGs' management and internal control systems but questions the number of uncompleted actions showing an overall completion rate of only 80,53% over a relatively long time period which should have given the responsible services sufficient time to undertake corrective action;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 97 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The European Parliament's prizes

Or. sv

Amendment 147
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 97 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

97a. Finds the European Parliament's Prize for Journalism inappropriate. Parliament should not award prizes to journalists whose task is to critically

examine EU institutions and their work.

Or. sv

Amendment 148
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 97 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

97b. Finds the LUX Prize inappropriate and does not consider that Parliament's budget should be used for film competitions; emphasises that neither should Members of the European Parliament be considered best suited to assessing and awarding cultural prizes;

Or. sv

Amendment 149
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 97 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

97a. Believes that a review of Parliament's internal audit office should be conducted with a view to strengthening that service and thereby further improving financial scrutiny, and all the instruments should be provided that guarantee the fulfilment of the tasks of the Committee on Budgetary Control;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 97 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

97a. Insists that, in accordance with Parliament's commitment to transparency and sound financial management, the Secretary-General ensure that copies of all reports prepared by the Internal Audit Service are made available for inspection by any Member, and are published on the Parliament's website, subject to the removal of any references within them that would identify specific individuals;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Ville Itälä

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 97 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

97a. Demands that Parliament receives a full explanation and precise answers why the new Visitors' Centre is not yet opened and demands that the Visitors' Centre be opened by 30 September 2010;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 98 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

98a. Believes and recommends that the use of appropriations by the political groups should be discussed by the leaders and treasurers of the political groups, who should aim for a sound balance between independence, full transparency and high level of efficiency;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Frank Vanhecke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 101 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

101a. States that the matter upon which the President of the Bureau said that the Bureau would have to reflect carefully at its meeting of 16 June 2009, namely the decline in turnout in European elections, is a political issue and as such is a matter exclusively for the appropriate political bodies of Parliament, that is to say the committees and the Plenary;

Or. nl

Amendment 154
Frank Vanhecke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 101 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

101b. Deplores the Bureau's decision to transfer, shortly before the elections, supplementary appropriations of

EUR 6 million to budget item 4000 for additional information campaigns during the election period;

Or. nl

Amendment 155
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 104

Motion for a resolution

104. Notes that at its meeting of 16 June 2009(Minutes of the meeting of 16 June 2009, PE 426.193/BUR):

- when considering its decision on the closure of accounts of the political groups 2008, the Bureau, ***without debate***, noted and approved the documents submitted by the groups,
- when considering its decision on the closure of the ITS Group's accounts, the Bureau, ***without debate***, endorsed the conclusions contained in the Secretary-General's note on the matter,
- the Bureau instructed the Secretary-General to establish the definitive amount of the claim against a Member and carry out any regularisations required;

Amendment

104. Notes that at its meeting of 16 June 2009(Minutes of the meeting of 16 June 2009, PE 426.193/BUR):

- when considering its decision on the closure of accounts of the political groups 2008, the Bureau noted and approved the documents submitted by the groups,
- when considering its decision on the closure of the ITS Group's accounts, the Bureau endorsed the conclusions contained in the Secretary-General's note on the matter,
- the Bureau instructed the Secretary-General to establish the definitive amount of the claim against a Member and carry out any regularisations required;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 105

Motion for a resolution

Management's responsibilities

Amendment

Deleted

Amendment 157
Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 105

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

105. Stresses that the management of the groups are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the annual accounts and that this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control systems relevant to the preparation and presentation of annual accounts;

Deleted

Amendment 158
Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 106

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

106. Recalls that in accordance with Article 2.2.3 of the Rules on the use of appropriations from budget item 4 0 0 0 each group "must introduce an internal control system"; invites the management of the groups to issue a formal declaration on the effectiveness of the groups' internal control systems as well as to ask the external auditor to deliver an opinion on that declaration;

Deleted

Amendment 159
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 107

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

107. Repeats its worries as regards the highly disparate nature of the internal financial rules drawn up by the various political groups (paragraph 86 of its resolution of 23 April 2009) and recommends for the sake of transparency and effective risk management that the groups' financial management be subject to the general Financial Regulation;

Deleted

Or. en

Amendment 160
Frank Vanhecke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 107 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

107a. Notes that, since the political groups receive funds from the European Parliament budget, the Financial Regulation is fully applicable to them;

Or. nl

Amendment 161
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 111

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

111. Notes that the Bureau, ***without debate***, at its meeting on 14 September 2009

111. Notes that the Bureau at its meeting on 14 September 2009 approved the final

approved the final reports on the implementation of the respective programmes of activities and the financial statements of the three European political parties whose reports were not available for the Bureau meeting of 17 June 2009, namely ADIE (Alliance of Independent Democrats in Europe), AEN (Alliance for Europe of the Nations) and EUD (EUDemocrats) (Minutes of the meeting of 14 September 2009, PE 426.393/BUR);

reports on the implementation of the respective programmes of activities and the financial statements of the three European political parties whose reports were not available for the Bureau meeting of 17 June 2009, namely ADIE (Alliance of Independent Democrats in Europe), AEN (Alliance for Europe of the Nations) and EUD (EUDemocrats) (Minutes of the meeting of 14 September 2009, PE 426.393/BUR);

Or. en

Amendment 162
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 112

Motion for a resolution

112. Further notes that the Bureau, *without debate*, established that the authorising officer was required to recover a balance of EUR 90 604,58 from the three parties concerned (ADIE, AEN and EUD), taking account of the final amount of the grants to be awarded to those parties;

Amendment

112. Further notes that the Bureau established that the authorising officer was required to recover a balance of EUR 90 604,58 from the three parties concerned (ADIE, AEN and EUD), taking account of the final amount of the grants to be awarded to those parties;

Or. en

Amendment 163
Frank Vanhecke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 113 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

113a. Believes that the large annual increase in the allocation to European political parties is not justifiable, and asks that the amount should at least be frozen;

Amendment

Amendment 164
Frank Vanhecke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 113 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

113b. Notes that the audit reports submitted by European political parties are far too sketchy; asks that Parliament should only accept proper audit reports which express an opinion on the legality, appropriateness, fitness for purpose and efficacy of the expenditure in question;

Or. nl

Amendment 165
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 114

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

"Maximum transparency" still to be achieved

Deleted

Or. en

Amendment 166
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 115

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

115. Stresses that "*maximum transparency*" cannot be achieved without (i) a thorough

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implementation *of all the Internal Auditor's recommendations and* in particular the introduction of a model structure for the description of programme activities and for the final activity reports and (ii) a sufficient number of *ex-post* on-the-spot checks of those grants by the authorising officer;

implementation in particular the introduction of a model structure for the description of programme activities and for the final activity reports and (ii) a sufficient number of *ex-post* on-the-spot checks of those grants by the authorising officer;

Or. en

Amendment 167

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 116

Motion for a resolution

116. Is unable to understand how the Bureau - *without debate* - can comply with its responsibility under Rule 209(2) (to "decide whether to suspend or reduce funding and whether to recover amounts which have been wrongly paid") and Rule 209(3) (to "approve the beneficiary political parties' final activity reports and final financial statements") of the Rules of Procedure without introducing of the abovementioned model structures which are crucial to achieving a transparent evaluation and payment process;

Amendment

116. Is unable to understand how the Bureau can comply with its responsibility under Rule 209(2) (to "decide whether to suspend or reduce funding and whether to recover amounts which have been wrongly paid") and Rule 209(3) (to "approve the beneficiary political parties' final activity reports and final financial statements") of the Rules of Procedure without introducing of the abovementioned model structures which are crucial to achieving a transparent evaluation and payment process;

Or. en

Amendment 168

Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 117

Motion for a resolution

117. Expects the Bureau to take the

Amendment

Deleted

necessary measures in order to bring itself in a position in which it is able to comply fully with the obligations given to it by Parliament's Rules of Procedure as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Frank Vanhecke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 117 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

117a. Deplores the Bureau's careless and inadequate attitude in regard to the scrutiny of spending by European political parties;

Or. nl

Amendment 170
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 119

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

119. Notes that the Bureau, *without debate*, at its meeting on 17 June 2009 approved the final reports on the implementation of the programmes of activities and the financial statements of six of the ten foundations and established that the authorising officer was required to recover the surplus of EUR 85 437,44 from the Institute of European Democrats and to pay a balance of EUR 482 544,35 to the other five foundations (Minutes of the meeting of 17 June 2009, PE 426.231/BUR);

119. Notes that the Bureau at its meeting on 17 June 2009 approved the final reports on the implementation of the programmes of activities and the financial statements of six of the ten foundations and established that the authorising officer was required to recover the surplus of EUR 85 437,44 from the Institute of European Democrats and to pay a balance of EUR 482 544,35 to the other five foundations (Minutes of the meeting of 17 June 2009, PE 426.231/BUR);

Amendment 171
Frank Vanhecke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 120 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

120a. Notes that the failure of almost all the political foundations to submit detailed work programmes prompts the conclusion that they are unable or unwilling to meet the statutory requirements for receiving European grants, and as a result render themselves ineligible to receive such grants;

Or. nl

Amendment 172
Frank Vanhecke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 120 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

120b. Decides that grants to a political foundation which fails to submit a detailed work programme will be halted forthwith;

Or. nl

Amendment 173
Frank Vanhecke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 120 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

120c. Deplores the Bureau's careless and inadequate attitude in regard to the scrutiny of spending by European political foundations;

Or. nl

Amendment 174

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 121

Motion for a resolution

121. Notes that the Bureau ***without debate***, at its meeting on 14 September 2009 approved the final reports on the implementation of the programmes of activities and the financial statements of three of the four European political foundations which had been unable to send in their reports for consideration at the meeting on 17 June 2009 (European Liberal Forum - ELF, Transform Europe - TE and Alliance of Independent Democrats in Europe - FPED) (Minutes of the meeting of 14 September 2009 and note to the members of the Bureau D(2009)40444 of 9 September 2009);

Amendment

121. Notes that the Bureau at its meeting on 14 September 2009 approved the final reports on the implementation of the programmes of activities and the financial statements of three of the four European political foundations which had been unable to send in their reports for consideration at the meeting on 17 June 2009 (European Liberal Forum - ELF, Transform Europe - TE and Alliance of Independent Democrats in Europe - FPED) (Minutes of the meeting of 14 September 2009 and note to the members of the Bureau D(2009)40444 of 9 September 2009);

Or. en

Amendment 175

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 122

Motion for a resolution

122. Further notes that the Bureau, ***without debate***, also established that the authorising officer is required to recover the surplus of EUR 15 144,39 from ELF and EUR 32 178,58 from FPED and to pay a balance of EUR 21 965,56 to TE and has deferred its decision concerning closure of FEUD's financial year until a later meeting;

Amendment

122. Further notes that the Bureau also established that the authorising officer is required to recover the surplus of EUR 15 144,39 from ELF and EUR 32 178,58 from FPED and to pay a balance of EUR 21 965,56 to TE and has deferred its decision concerning closure of FEUD's financial year until a later meeting;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Frank Vanhecke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 123

Motion for a resolution

123. ***Supports fully the creation of European political parties and European political foundations and their activities***; believes that full transparency as regards the parties' and foundations' financial management and achievement of planned results is of utmost importance for the European citizens;

Amendment

123. believes that full transparency as regards the parties' and foundations' financial management and achievement of planned results is of utmost importance to European citizens;

Or. nl

Amendment 177
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 128

Motion for a resolution

128. Expects that the Secretary-General has set out the risks associated with the new schemes and the costs of

Amendment

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administration and control necessary to contain those risks;

Or. en

Amendment 178

Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 128a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

128a. Welcomes the Secretary-General's statement that Members reimbursed approximately EUR 455 000 by September 2009 in relation to the Parliamentary Assistance Allowances received; believes that it is of the utmost importance that Parliament is seen to be pursuing alleged transgressions by Members with vigour, and requests the Secretary-General to provide Members of the Committee on Budgetary Control with a quarterly statement listing all cases currently being pursued (without naming individuals), the reason why a repayment is sought, the amount in question, the date when repayment was requested, the amount repaid to date, and whether the matter has been referred to OLAF;

Or. en

Amendment 179

Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 129

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

129. Is critical of the fact that several Head of Unit and Director posts have

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been vacant for several months; stresses that the establishment plan for a service is the expression of the will of the political authorities and the expectations of the performance of that service;

Or. en

Amendment 180
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 131a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Buildings policy

Or. de

Amendment 181
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 131a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

131a. Repeats its call for Parliament to adopt a long-term strategy for property and buildings; points again to its demands in paragraph 30 of its resolution of 22 October 2009 on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2010, Section I – European Parliament, Section II – Council, Section IV – Court of Justice, Section V – Court of Auditors, Section VI – European Economic and Social Committee, Section VII – Committee of the Regions, Section VIII – European Ombudsman, Section IX – European Data Protection Supervisor; stresses in particular that any

such property and buildings strategy must also take into account the rising costs of maintaining buildings purchased and the necessity over the medium term of renovating them; points out that the property and buildings strategy must ensure the sustainability of Parliament's budget; stresses that account must also be taken of the requirements created by the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, and expects to be kept informed of the results;

Or. de

Amendment 182
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 131b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

131b. With regard to information offices, calls on Commission and Parliament to agree a buildings policy for the medium and long term which plans well ahead and in particular sets out clearly the procedures for purchasing property, the role of the respective institutions and repayment periods; stresses that the need for such an agreement is all the greater in that the Commission and Parliament currently prefer different forms of financing for information offices;

Or. en

Amendment 183
Edit Herczog

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 134

Motion for a resolution

134. Invites the Secretary-General to take measures aiming at creating - *at all levels* - greater understanding for the need to avoid unnecessary waste in general and in particular as regards the number of paper dossiers produced - but not used - for different meetings;

Amendment

134. Invites the Secretary-General to take measures aiming at creating - *at all levels* - greater understanding for the need to avoid unnecessary waste in general and in particular as regards the number of paper dossiers produced - but not used - for different meetings, ***especially in light of the great amount of effort in the field of economy and finance spent on the development of digital infrastructure; suggests, therefore, that the use of Parliament's existing digital equipment be improved;***

Or. en

Amendment 184
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 134a (new)

Motion for a resolution

134a. Notes that every car purchased by Parliament in 2009 had CO₂ emissions that exceeded the average from new cars placed on the Union market in that year, believes that Parliament should practice what it preaches and is aware of the growing number of high-performance cars, including hybrids, now available that have emissions below the average, and insists that Parliament should not purchase any car with CO₂ emissions that exceed the Union average for the latest year in which Commission figures are available;

Or. en

Amendment 185
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 135

Motion for a resolution

135. Invites the competent authorities to renew Parliament's own fleet of cars for protocol and representational purposes with hybrid cars which are less polluting and to reserve the use of those cars to the President, political group Chairs and high-profile visitors;

Amendment

Deleted

Or. en

Amendment 186
Søren Bo Søndergaard

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 135

Motion for a resolution

135. Invites the competent authorities to renew Parliament's own fleet of cars for protocol and representational purposes with hybrid cars which are less polluting and to reserve the use of those cars to the President, political group Chairs and high-profile visitors;

Amendment

135. Invites the competent authorities to renew ***the whole of*** Parliament's own fleet of ***sedan*** cars for protocol and representational purposes with hybrid cars which are less polluting ***by 31 December 2010*** and to reserve the use of those cars to the President, political group Chairs and high-profile visitors ***and to ensure that the cars at the disposal of the Members in Brussels and Strasbourg conform with European Emission Standard 5 by that date;***

Or. en

Amendment 187
Ville Itälä

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 135

Motion for a resolution

135. Invites the competent authorities to renew Parliament's own fleet of cars for protocol and representational purposes with *hybrid* cars which are less polluting and to reserve the use of those cars to the President, political group Chairs and high-profile visitors;

Amendment

135. Invites the competent authorities to renew Parliament's own fleet of cars for protocol and representational purposes with cars which are less polluting and to reserve the use of those cars to the President, political group Chairs and high-profile visitors *and encourages Members to use public transport;*

Or. en

Amendment 188
Søren Bo Søndergaard

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 135a (new)

Motion for a resolution

135a. Is surprised that a majority of the cars purchased in 2008 (an AUDI A 8 3.0 Tdi and 3 BMW 730 i) were considered to be the most environmentally friendly cars fitting the needs of the users, knowing that there were less energy consuming and more environmental friendly alternatives available at the time of the purchases;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 138 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

138a Requests that Parliament review its bicycle service for transport within Brussels with a view to extending that service; requests that Parliament set up its own bicycle service during plenary sessions in Strasbourg with sufficient bicycles available;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 140

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Independence of parliamentary committees

Deleted

Or. en

Amendment 191
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 140

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

140. Calls for initiatives enabling the Committees to decide their delegation visits on the basis of a two-year programme ;

Deleted

Or. en

Amendment 192
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 140a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Security

Or. en

Amendment 193
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 140 a (new) before the heading Independence of parliamentary committees

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

140a. Expresses its concern at the continuing cases of petty crime in the premises of Parliament; requests that the Secretary-General pay special attention to this matter in order to reduce petty crime;

Or. en

Amendment 194
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 143 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Travel Allowances

Or. en

Amendment 195
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 143 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

143a. Recognises that expensive air tickets do not provide any shorter journey times than cheap ones, but is aware that some Members choose to purchase business-full-fare or other exchangeable air tickets only because they cannot reclaim any costs incurred if they purchase much less expensive tickets but are subsequently unable to make use of them, and invites the Secretary-General to propose an arrangement whereby Members who can demonstrate that they regularly claim less than the maximum permissible price of air tickets can, on an ad hoc basis, request reimbursement for the cost of occasional unused tickets that cannot be exchanged;

Or. en

Amendment 196
Véronique Mathieu, Jean-Pierre Audy

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 143 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Reimbursement of the costs of visits by sponsored groups

Or. fr

Amendment 197

Véronique Mathieu, Jean-Pierre Audy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 143 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

143a. Asks that the costs of a sponsored group visit should always be reimbursed to the group leader by bank transfer and not in cash; asks also that Parliament reimburse the costs actually incurred, on presentation of documentary evidence;

Or. fr

Amendment 198

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 143 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

143a. Notes that in 2008 approximately 500 temporary agents worked in Parliament's administration; is concerned that those temporary agents are not offered any career perspective although they may stay in the institution for up to six years or even indefinitely; insists that temporary staff be offered a career development based on merit; calls on the Secretary-General to put the appropriate measures in place in 2010 and report to the Committee on Budgetary Control during the 2009 discharge on the progress made;

Or. en

Amendment 199
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Heading before paragraph 144 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Independence of the Staff Committee

Or. en

Amendment 200
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 144 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

144a. Reminds that the Staff Committee is in charge of representing the interests of the staff of the institution in accordance with Article 9(3) of the Staff Regulations¹; in this sense the Staff Committee has to be independent in its decisions including in decisions concerning the use of its fund; recalls in this sense the decision of the Secretary-General in 2007 concerning the increase of funds of the Staff Committee

¹ *Article 9(3) of the Staff Regulations "The Staff Committee shall represent the interests of the staff vis-à-vis their institution and maintain continuous contact between the institution and the staff. It shall contribute to the smooth running of the service by providing a channel for the expression of opinion by the staff.*

It shall bring to the notice of the competent bodies of the institution any difficulty having general implications concerning the interpretation and application of these Staff Regulations. It may be consulted on any difficulty of this kind.

The Committee shall submit to the competent bodies of the institution suggestions concerning the organisation and operation of the service and proposals for the improvement of staff working conditions or general living conditions.

The Committee shall participate in the management and supervision of social welfare bodies set up by the institution in the interests of its staff. It may, with the consent of the institution, set up such welfare services".

*in order to support the activities of
traineeships for children of Parliament
officials;*

Or. en

Amendment 201
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*Ca. whereas, in accordance with the usual
procedure, a questionnaire was sent to the
Parliament administration and replies
were received and discussed by the
Committee on Budgetary Control, in the
presence of the Vice-President responsible
for the Budget and the Secretary-General,*

Or. en

Amendment 202
Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*-having regard to the Eurobarometer
2009, in particular that 78 % of the
citizens of the Union agree that
corruption is a major concern in their
country,*

Or. en