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Draft report
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2019 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Parliament
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Amendment 1
Petri Sarvamaa

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants its President discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2019; Postpones its decision on granting its President discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2019;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Sabrina Pignedoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

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of positive development over recent years;

Or. it

**Amendment 3**
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Lara Wolters

**Motion for a resolution**
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**Amendment 4**
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Lara Wolters, Ramona Strugariu

**Motion for a resolution**
**Paragraph 11**

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Parliament in the adversarial procedure with the Court, which re-examined and addressed the individual cases highlighted as a result of the Court’s findings; recalls that, while Parliament’s administration is the authorising service for the payment of the grant towards the European political parties, it is not responsible for their actual expenditure, and that the European political parties are themselves responsible for the legality and regularity of their transactions; notes that Parliament provided European political parties with comprehensive information and guidance on topics in respect of which problems have been identified; calls on the Court to check the European political parties' spending on a regular bases;

Amendment 5

Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

- with regard to the audit of procurement and contract implementation in the catering sector (DG INLO), achieving the internal control objectives through, notably, allowing longer time-limits for procurement that are proportionate to the complexity of the specifications; ensuring clearer, more relevant and accurate tender specifications; ensuring a transparent evaluation of tenders that is based on the published criteria and is properly documented; validating ad hoc contracts on concessions with the legal service; the critical importance of managing amendments to concession contracts in line with the rules; improved management monitoring and reporting;
management monitoring and reporting; recalls that these segments are essential for ensuring that public procurement procedures attract more offers, securing better competition and improved services over a certain time period;

Amendment 6
Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment 7
Daniel Freund on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 – indent 2
Motion for a resolution

- with regard to the audit of visitors’ groups, increasing the assurance of the efficiency and effectiveness of implementation of the rules on financial contributions, including better definitions of eligible costs and of the eligibility period; improving the adequacy and effectiveness of ex-ante and ex-post controls over reimbursements; ensuring full compliance of the defrayal of visitors’ groups with the applicable rules; measures to ensure the full realisation of the visitors’ groups programme;

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Or. en

Amendment 8
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Lara Wolters, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes that the 2019 follow-up process resulted in the closure of 36 of the 93 open actions; notes with concern that in addition to these validated actions, there was a total of 124 open actions from audit reports, including those not yet due for implementation, and that 62 of this total number of actions address significant risk; expects an effort from different directorates-general’s in ensuring that the overdue actions are closed and that the agreed actions will be implemented in accordance with the set due-dates;

Amendment

14. Notes that the 2019 follow-up process resulted in the closure of 36 of the 93 open actions; notes with concern that in addition to these validated actions, there was a total of 124 open actions from audit reports, including those not yet due for implementation, and that 62 of this total number of actions address significant risk; expects an effort from different directorates-general’s in ensuring that the overdue actions are closed and that the agreed actions will be implemented in accordance with the set due-dates; calls on the Secretary General to report back to the discharge authority on the closure of the remaining actions during his hearings in the Committee on Budgetary Control in October and November 2021;
Amendment 9
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Lara Wolters, Ramona Strugariu, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Javier Nart, Peter Pollák, Alice Kühnke, Katalin Cseh, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

14 a. In the light of publicly declaring transparency as one of the leading principles of Parliament’s work, deeply regrets that Parliament’s internal audit reports are not published once the internal auditor has finalised them and that even Members may only read them in the secure reading room for as long as recommended measures have not been implemented; takes note of Article 118(9) of the Financial Regulation and calls on Parliament’s bureau to allow Members immediate, full access to the internal audit reports by changing the confidentiality level of those reports to ‘internal report’; further calls on the Bureau to make each internal audit report available to the public one year after its finalisation, once the internal auditor has validated the previous year’s recommendations;

Amendment 10
Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Martina Dlabajová, Pierre Karleškind, Alin Mituţa, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution
Amendment
16. Notes the fact that no action has been taken in response to some of the recommendations in Parliament's resolution on discharge for 2018, and that the discharge follow-up document does not provide any justification for this; stresses the importance of having more frequent discussions with the Secretary-General on issues concerning Parliament's budget and its implementation in Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control;

16. Regrets that not all actions have been taken in response to some of their recommendations in Parliament's resolution on discharge for 2018, and that the discharge follow-up document does not provide any justification for this; stresses that the Secretary-General should have regular discussions with the Committee on Budgetary Control on issues concerning Parliament's budget and its implementation; considers that these should take place during the year and not only doing the discharge procedure;

Amendment 11
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes the fact that no action has been taken in response to some of the recommendations in Parliament's resolution on discharge for 2018, and that the discharge follow-up document does not provide any justification for this; stresses the importance of having more frequent discussions with the Secretary-General on issues concerning Parliament's budget and its implementation in Parliament’s Committee on Budgetary Control;

Amendment

16. Notes the fact that no action has been taken in response to some of the recommendations in Parliament's resolution on discharge for 2018, and that the discharge follow-up document does not provide any justification for this; asks the Secretary-General to forward this resolution to the Bureau and highlights all requests for action or decisions by the Bureau; calls on the Secretary-General to establish a plan of action and a timetable enabling the Bureau to follow up and/or to respond to the recommendations contained in Parliament’s discharge resolutions and to include the results in the annual monitoring document; stresses the importance of having more frequent discussions with the Secretary-General and the Vice-President responsible for Budget on issues concerning Parliament's budget and its implementation in Parliament’s Committee on Budgetary Control; reiterates the need for the Bureau to substantially improve, in a proactive
manner, the transparency and accessibility of each milestone of the decision-making procedure, with particular focus on the Bureau’s website;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Marcel Kolaja, Mikuláš Peksa, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. **Notes** the fact that no action has been taken in response to some of the recommendations in Parliament's resolution on discharge for 2018, and that the discharge follow-up document does not provide any justification for this; **stresses the importance of having** more frequent discussions with the Secretary-General on issues concerning Parliament's budget and its implementation in Parliament’s Committee on Budgetary Control;

Amendment

16. **Deplores** the fact that no action has been taken in response to some of the recommendations in Parliament's resolution on discharge for 2018, and that the discharge follow-up document does not provide any justification for this; **demands** more frequent discussions with the Secretary-General on issues concerning Parliament's budget and its implementation in Parliament’s Committee on Budgetary Control; **invites the bureau to adopt internal rules that describe its decision making**;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Lara Wolters, Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. **Notes** the fact that no action has been taken in response to some of the recommendations in Parliament's resolution on discharge for 2018, and that the discharge follow-up document does not

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16. **Rejects** the fact that no action has been taken in response to some of the recommendations in Parliament's resolution on the discharge for 2018, and that the discharge follow-up document
provide any justification for this; **stresses the importance of having** more frequent discussions with the Secretary-General on issues concerning Parliament's budget and its implementation in Parliament’s Committee on Budgetary Control; does not provide any justification for this; **demands** more frequent discussions with the Secretary-General on issues concerning Parliament's budget and its implementation in Parliament’s Committee on Budgetary Control; **calls on the Bureau to follow up on these recommendations**;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

16 a. **Acknowledges the steps taken to ease the transition to the new provider of services for Parliament's Crèche; calls on the relevant services to continuously monitor the performance of the new team, guaranteeing that the level of services remains satisfactory, and between others, making sure that a sufficient ratio of care-taking personal to children is respected**;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Angelika Winzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

17. **Regrets** that no further steps have been taken regarding the voluntary pension fund due to a number of members of the pension fund challenging the Bureau decision of 10 December 2018 before the European Court of Justice (the ‘Court of

17. **Notes** that no further steps have been taken regarding the voluntary pension fund due to a number of members of the pension fund challenging the Bureau decision of 10 December 2018 before the European Court of Justice (the ‘Court of
Justice’); calls on the Secretary-General to inform the Parliament’s Committee on Budgetary Control immediately on the Court of Justice’s ruling;

Amendment 16
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

18. Welcomes the fact that the use of cash payments has decreased significantly, and that Members have used the possibility offered by the revised rules to give the financial responsibility of sponsored visits to professionals, i.e. paying agents or travel agencies instead of accredited parliamentary assistants (‘APAs’); notes, however, with concern that the Secretary-General has not yet released an assessment of the new rules; emphasises that the experience of the internal auditor should be taken into account in the assessment of the existing procedures;

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18. Welcomes the fact that the use of cash payments has decreased significantly, and that Members have used the possibility offered by the revised rules to give the financial responsibility of sponsored visits to professionals, i.e. paying agents or travel agencies instead of accredited parliamentary assistants (‘APAs’); notes, however, with concern that the Secretary-General has not yet released an assessment of the new rules and calls for preparing of such assessment; emphasises that the internal auditor should be consulted on existing procedures when preparing such assessment;

Amendment 17
Lara Wolters, Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

19. Recognises the positive developments regarding gender balance and welcomes the new and more ambitious targets to be achieved by 2024;

Amendment
19. Regrets the lack of gender balance of Bureau staff; Recognises the positive developments in this regard and acknowledges the new targets; recognizes
acknowledges the need for continuous monitoring on the topic; the need for continuous monitoring on the topic;

Amendment 18
Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

19 a. Recalls the 2018 discharge resolution asking the Bureau to increase the number of people with disabilities working in Parliament’s administration;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 19
Ryszard Czarnecki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Raffaele Fitto, Joachim Stanislaw Brudziński, Elżbieta Rafalska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Reiterates its call on the Secretary-General to insist on the need for real geographical balance in terms of proportional representation of all Member States at all levels of staff, including top management; stresses the importance of increasing the attractiveness of Parliament as an employer throughout all Member States;

Amendment

20. Reiterates its call on the Secretary-General to insist on the need for real geographical balance in terms of proportional representation of all Member States at all levels of staff, including top management; notes the difficulties Parliament encountered in recruiting some nationalities; stresses the importance of increasing the attractiveness of Parliament as an employer throughout all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 20
20 a. Welcomes the Secretary-General's note on Disability Management in the administration of the European Parliament, highlights that the ten commitments of the note still have to be pursued during the current legislative period in the fields of digital and physical accessibility, asks to keep the discharge authority informed on the progress made;

Amendment 21
Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Alin Mituța, Pierre Karleskind, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Pascal Durand

21. Recalls that Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure has introduced an obligation for rapporteurs, shadow rapporteurs and committee chairs to publish information on meetings held with interest representatives in the context of their reports; notes with satisfaction that, since the start of the new legislature, the necessary infrastructure has been available on Parliament’s website to allow Members to publish scheduled meetings with interested representatives in order to improve transparency; stresses, however, that the tool for publication of meetings needs further improvement in order to fulfil its function to make Parliament more open, transparent, and accountable to citizens;
Amendment 22
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Javier Nart, Peter Pollák, Alice Kuhnke, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Heidi Hautala, Lara Wolters, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

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Or. en

Amendment 23
Petri Sarvamaa, Monika Hohlmeier, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

21. Recalls that Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure has introduced an obligation for rapporteurs, shadow rapporteurs and committee chairs to publish information on meetings held with interest representatives in the context of their reports; notes with
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satisfaction that, since the start of the new legislature, the necessary infrastructure has been available on Parliament’s website to allow Members to publish scheduled meetings with interested representatives in order to make Parliament more open, transparent, and accountable to citizens; encourages efforts that would improve easy access and usability of this tool;

Amendment 24
Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Pierre Karleskind, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution  
Amendment

21 a. Notes that 324 out of the 705 of current Members had published at least one meeting with an interest representative by 01 December 2020 on Parliament’s website; urges Parliament to take appropriate measures to ensure that all rapporteurs, shadow rapporteurs and committee chairs comply with the obligation to publish their lobby meetings, including by enhancing its communication towards Members about the obligation of publishing such information and to further encourage the publication of lobby meetings on Parliament’s website in all other cases as well;

Amendment 25
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Reiterates its request that, in addition to the joint Parliament and Commission report on the activities of the Transparency Register, Parliament drafts an annual detailed report on the interest representatives and other organisations that were given access to Parliament's premises, and to publish it in the respect of the data protection regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Javier Nart, Peter Pollák, Alice Kuhnke, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Heidi Hautala, Lara Wolters, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Reiterates that Parliament’s President has instructed Parliament’s services to implement a number of changes to the tool to improve its user-friendliness, first and foremost by connecting it to the Transparency Register and Legislative Observatory; calls on Parliament to put in place these changes without any further delay;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Petri Sarvamaa, Tomáš Zdechovský, Monika Hohlmeier, Angelika Winzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)
21 a. Recalls Article 4 of the Code of Conduct with respect to financial interests and conflicts of interest, that the Members’ declarations of financial interests shall be provided in a precise manner; notes that in cases where there is reason to believe that the information provided is out of date, the President may, where appropriate, request the Member to correct the declaration within 10 days;

Amendment 28
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Peter Pollák, Alice Kuhnke, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Heidi Hautala, Lara Wolters, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

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Amendment 29
Gilles Boyer, Pierre Karleskind, Alin Mituța, Olivier Chastel, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Martina Dlabajová
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Regrets the difficulties for Members to recruit swiftly their assistants at the beginning of the term due to DG Pers’ increased activity; calls for Parliament's administration teams responsible for the recruitment of APAs to be reinforced at the beginning of each new mandate, for the time necessary to enable Members to recruit their assistants and to provide comprehensive training beforehand and until the high work load has been completed;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 30
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Welcomes the successful completion, in 2019, of new working environments for Members in Brussels and Strasbourg; commends the fact that the refurbishment of all Members’ offices in Brussels (1 personal office perMember + 2 staff offices) and in Strasbourg (1 personal office + 1 staff office) was carried out in record time and ahead of schedule, as well as coming in under the works budget amount allocated to it, and that new furniture equipment, including integrated IT solutions has been installed at a lower cost than originally foreseen; notes with satisfaction that the revised office allocation plan for Members and political groups was based on the most efficient use of available office space;

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scattered in different buildings and floors with no logical connection, breaking the unity of political groups; also regrets that the distribution of offices to political groups has pushed some to relocate to external buildings no longer connected to the main Parliament activities and thus creating a structural isolation of the staff from its own Members; takes note that Trèves 1 building is poor in services and priority should be given to find solutions to connect it to the main buildings;

Amendment 31
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

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change was not necessary;

Or. en

Amendment 32
David Lega, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

28 a. Notes the severely limited possibility for Members to take parental leave; calls for the introduction of measures to facilitate the possibility for substitutes to replace Members - women and men alike - while on parental leave;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

28 a. Reminds that the 2014 administrative cooperation agreement between the Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee and the European Committee of Regions (the 'consultative Committees') was highly unbalanced for the latter because they transferred a total of 60 translators to the Parliament and in exchange obtained only the use of the services of the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS); notes with concern that as a consequence the consultative Committees had to hire contract staff and outsourced their translation services; is aware of the requests expressed by the consultative Committees in the frame of
the discharge procedure for the ongoing agreement to be respected by the Parliament so they are duly compensated; supports the consultative Committees in the view that an extension or revision of the current agreement must settle all outstanding issues and specifically the imbalance; asks the three institutions to jointly report to Parliament’s Committee on Budgetary Control on the ongoing revision of the agreement;

Amendment 34
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

29. Expresses its support for the way Parliament increased the visibility of the European elections by building, animating and engaging with a wide network of media, partners and volunteers who acted as opinion multipliers within their own networks;

Amendment
29. Expresses its support for the way Parliament increased the visibility of the European elections by building, animating and engaging with a wide network of media, partners and volunteers who acted as opinion multipliers within their own networks; notes with concern, however, that the turnout of the 2019 European elections remained too low in certain countries; considers that a visibility campaign of the European elections and the role of Parliament in the legislative process should be permanent, with a particular focus on those countries;

Amendment 35
Lara Wolters, Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30
30. Welcomes that more than 50% of Union citizens eligible to vote took part in the elections, and notes with satisfaction that it was the first time since the first direct elections in 1979 that turnout has increased; regrets, however, that the Spitzenkandidaten system for the appointment of the Commission President was not followed, unlike after the 2014 elections; observes that the system adds to the transparency and accountability of the Commission to Parliament; notes that the President of the European Commission acknowledges the need for improvement in this area in the Political Guidelines; stresses that, as stated in the Guidelines, a review of the way the leaders of the institutions are appointed and elected is needed;

Amendment 36
Gilles Boyer, Pierre Karleskind, Alin Mituța, Olivier Chastel, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Martina Dlabajová, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

30 a. Recalls nevertheless that the turnout remained too low in certain countries; considers that this type of communication campaign should be ongoing, with a particular focus on those countries;

Amendment 37
Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

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Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30 a. Emphasizes the need to make the European electoral process more accessible to people with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32 a. Considers that communicating the political nature of Parliament and the work carried out by its Members to the Union citizens is now more important than ever before; encourages all the efforts by Parliament and its DG COMM towards raising awareness of Parliament, its powers, its decisions, and activities among media, stakeholders and the general public; asks the DG COMM to continue its efforts to make Parliament's website more accessible, intuitive, coherent and user-friendly as it is instrumental to bring the institution closer to citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Angelika Winzig

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. Notes that Parliament's Bureau assigned to DG COMM the task

of
of increasing awareness among citizens across the Union about the upcoming elections, with the aim of increasing democratic participation; welcomes the contribution of Parliament’s 2019 election and information campaign to the highest-recorded voter turnout in 20 years; expresses its support for Parliament’s innovative institutional communication strategy for the 2019 European elections, aimed at raising awareness about the elections and encouraging people to vote; observes that the strategy was based on reinforcing and strengthening the relations with media and the development of a robust network of partners; considers it is of great importance for Parliament to continuously engage with Union citizens through various communication channels not only during the electoral year but throughout the entire legislature; stresses the importance of establishing synergies with existing channels and enhance cooperation with European Parliament liaison offices to avoid duplication and effectively use taxpayers’ money;

Amendment 40
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)

Amendment

33 a. Is deeply concerned about the website “EP Today” and its misleading use of Parliament’s name and the Union symbology; notes with alarm that EUvsDesinfo found out that 99% of the articles that appeared on “EP Today” were actually syndicated from other websites such as “Voice of America” or “Russia Today”; is alarmed that the follow-up investigation by EU DisinfoLab has discovered a massive 15-year
influence operation successfully targeted the Union with more than 750 fake local media and more than 10 "zombie-NGOs"; is concern that this operation successfully reached and involved Members before it was identified and investigated; call on Parliament’s DG COMM to coordinate with the European External Action Service and the Commission to take action on this matter;

Amendment 41
Lara Wolters, Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

34. Notes that ahead of and during the elections, all relevant Parliament’s stakeholders were kept up-to-date on disinformation and threats against Parliament from entities and actors seeking to undermine unity and European democracy; urges Parliament to take robust action to counter disinformation via regular information and warnings and that appropriate training and awareness-raising activities are organised for Members, staff and visitors; calls on Parliament to further strengthen the external communication of its activities;

Amendment

34. Commends Parliament’s efforts to counter disinformation ahead of and during the elections; urges Parliament to take robust action to counter disinformation via regular information and warnings and that appropriate training and awareness-raising activities are organised for Members, staff and visitors; calls on Parliament to further strengthen the external communication of its activities;

Amendment 42
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)
35 a. Expresses its concerns regarding the European Data Protection Supervisor's (EDPS) investigation into Parliament's use of a political campaigning company based in the United States of America to process personal data as part of its activities relating to the 2019 European election; notes that the investigation into Parliament's use of NationBuilder resulted in the first ever EDPS reprimand issued to an Union institution due to a breach of Article 29 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, involving the selection and approval of sub-processors used by NationBuilder; notes, furthermore, that a second reprimand was subsequently issued by the EDPS, after Parliament failed to publish a compliant Privacy Policy for the "thistimeimvoting" website within the deadline set by the EDPS; notes with satisfaction that in both instances, Parliament acted in line with EDPS recommendations; echoes the EDPS's statements about the threat posed by online manipulation and how strong data protection rules are essential for democracy, especially in the digital age;

Amendment 43
Sabrina Pignedoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

37. Notes that, at its meeting of 11 February 2019, the Bureau confirmed the continuation of Parliament’s office in London; notes that on 5 October 2020, the Bureau acknowledged the closure of the Edinburgh antenna office at the end of 2020; acknowledges that the liaison office in the United Kingdom will continue to play a crucial role for Parliament in
providing services to Members on delegations to the United Kingdom and in order to further engage with citizens, civil society, government, the parliamentary environment and media in that country;

Amendment 44
Angelika Winzig, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

37. Notes that, at its meeting of 11 February 2019, the Bureau confirmed the continuation of Parliament’s office in London; notes that on 5 October 2020, the Bureau acknowledged the closure of the Edinburgh antenna office at the end of 2020; acknowledges that the liaison office in the United Kingdom will continue to play a crucial role for Parliament in providing services to Members on delegations to the United Kingdom and in order to further engage with citizens, civil society, government, the parliamentary environment and media in that country; calls in this regard to coordinate the work of the liaison office in the United Kingdom with the European Union External Action Service to avoid duplication of work;

Amendment

37. Notes that, at its meeting of 11 February 2019, the Bureau confirmed the continuation of Parliament’s office in London; notes that on 5 October 2020, the Bureau acknowledged the closure of the Edinburgh antenna office at the end of 2020; acknowledges that the liaison office in the United Kingdom will continue to play a crucial role for Parliament in providing services to Members on delegations to the United Kingdom and in order to further engage with citizens, civil society, government, the parliamentary environment and media in that country;

Amendment 45
Lara Wolters, Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Amendment
37. Notes that, at its meeting of 11 February 2019, the Bureau confirmed the continuation of Parliament’s office in London; notes that on 5 October 2020, the Bureau acknowledged the closure of the Edinburgh antenna office at the end of 2020; acknowledges that the liaison office in the United Kingdom will continue to play a crucial role for Parliament in providing services to Members on delegations to the United Kingdom and in order to further engage with citizens, civil society, government, the parliamentary environment and media in that country; acknowledges that the liaison office in as well as the European Union Delegation to the United Kingdom will continue to play a crucial role for Parliament in providing services to Members on delegations to the United Kingdom and in order to further engage with citizens, civil society, government, the parliamentary environment and media in that country; regrets therefore the refusal of the United Kingdom government to recognise the full diplomatic status of the European Union ambassador to the United Kingdom; regrets therefore the refusal of the United Kingdom government to recognise the full diplomatic status of the European Union ambassador to the United Kingdom;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Notes that, at its meeting of 11 February 2019, the Bureau confirmed the continuation of Parliament’s office in London; notes that on 5 October 2020, the Bureau acknowledged the closure of the Edinburgh antenna office at the end of 2020; acknowledges that the liaison office in the United Kingdom will continue to play a crucial role for Parliament in providing services to Members on delegations to the United Kingdom and in order to further engage with citizens, civil society, government, the parliamentary environment and media in that country; calls on the Bureau and European Union External Action Service to find a practical solution with the British authorities to
grant diplomatic status to Parliament's staff working at the liaison office in London;

Amendment 47
Sabrina Pignedoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

37a. Questions the need for Parliament to maintain an office in London, given that the remit of Parliament's liaison offices is to cultivate relations and carry out information activities in the Member States;

Amendment 48
Angelika Winzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

37a. Stresses that any new decisions taken concerning parliamentary support to the European Union Mission to ASEAN in Jakarta, the European Union delegation to the African Union in Addis Ababa and the European Union Delegation to the United Nations in New York, must be based on a thorough cost-benefit analysis; acknowledges that the Secretary-General intends to put in place measurable indicators to assess annual performance under the framework of Parliament's strategic planning, monitoring and reporting cycle;
Amendment 49
Lara Wolters, Damian Boeselager, Karen Melchior, Daniel Freund, Claudia Gamon, Svenja Hahn, Irena Joveva, Sara Cerdas, Josianne Cutajar, Moritz Körner, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Sven Simon, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37 a. Stresses the need for the revival of the debating culture in Parliament; welcomes the decision to require members to give speeches from the lectern facing the plenary; believes that the debating culture can also be improved by allowing sufficient time for the exchange of arguments and counter-arguments, for instance by extending the blue card procedure;

Amendment 50
Isabel García Muñoz, Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40. Notes that the revised rules governing the payment of financial contributions for sponsored visitors’ groups entered into force on 1 January 2017; recalls that, in accordance with the principle of non-profit enshrined in these rules, heads of groups have an obligation to return any unused financial contribution after verification by Parliament’s services of a financial declaration; seeks greater assurance that the management of sponsored visitors’ groups is strictly in accordance with the applicable rules;
reiterates its call to remove the possibility of appointing APAs as head of group and thus giving the financial responsibility of sponsored visits exclusively to a member of the group or to professionals, i.e. paying agents or travel agencies;

Amendment 51
Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

40. Notes that the revised rules governing the payment of financial contributions for sponsored visitors’ groups entered into force on 1 January 2017; recalls that, in accordance with the principle of non-profit enshrined in these rules, heads of groups have an obligation to return any unused financial contribution after verification by Parliament’s services of a financial declaration; seeks greater assurance that the management of sponsored visitors’ groups is strictly in accordance with the applicable rules;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

41. Recalls that in 2019 Parliament’s internal auditor started an audit on the

Or. en
implementation of the new rules, and that in his findings, finalised in 2020, the internal auditor highlighted that financial contributions for the visitors’ groups should be further aligned with the real costs incurred by the groups, that ex-ante controls should be reinforced when the first contribution is paid out, and that the existing system of ex-post controls should be reinforced; reiterates that the findings of internal auditor should be taken into account when evaluating existing procedures and developing tighter ex-ante controls; demands further assessing the current level of ex-post controls;

Amendment 53
Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

41 a. Points out that receiving sponsored visitor groups of persons with disabilities may occur with additional expenses and requires higher financial contributions, therefore recommends to the Bureau to study the possibility of higher allocations to cover all eligible expenditure of such groups;

Amendment 54
Matteo Adinolfi, Jean-François Jalkh, Joachim Kuhs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44
44. Is aware that on 11 March 2019, the Bureau endorsed a new approach to future property market propositions for European Parliament liaison offices and Europa Experience spaces in several Member States;

44. Is worried that on 11 March 2019, the Bureau endorsed a new approach to future property market propositions for European Parliament liaison offices and Europa Experience spaces in several Member States since it will be a burden on the Union budget;

Amendment 55
Isabel García Muñoz, Lara Wolters

45. Is aware of the importance of the building policy, in particular the completion of final installation works at the Montoyer 63 building in Brussels, which was put in use in 2019, and the Adenauer project in Luxembourg, which is scheduled to be completed by end of June 2023; understands that, in 2019, the Committee on Budgets authorised a mopping-up transfer, amounting to EUR 31 million, for the pre-financing of the project;

45. Is aware of the importance of the building policy, in particular the completion of final installation works at the Montoyer 63 building in Brussels, which was put in use in 2019, and the Adenauer project in Luxembourg, which is scheduled to be completed by end of June 2023; understands that, in 2019, the Committee on Budgets authorised a mopping-up transfer, amounting to EUR 31 million, for the pre-financing of the project, which excludes project management costs, financial costs, certified bodies, etc.; regrets the increased costs due to the constructions delays and notes that transactions with the construction companies (linked to the delay with the project) have been necessary to avoid further delays and costs (between 5% and 15% of the contract amount);

Amendment 56
Sabrina Pignedoli
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45 a (new)

45a. Criticises the delay in the construction of the Konrad Adenauer building in Luxembourg, delivery of which was planned for 2018, but is now not expected before 2023; calls on the Bureau to outline promptly the reasons for the delay and the increase in construction costs;

Or. it

Amendment 57
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 a (new)

46 a. In the light of the shift to ‘remote work/work from home’ mode that started as the consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and will at least in part remain in place for years to come calls on Bureau to update the "Beyond 2019" building strategy to take proper note of the recent changes in the working environment;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Sabrina Pignedoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 a (new)
Amendment 59
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Lara Wolters, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

47. Expresses concern over the overdue actions agreed with the internal auditor in 2018 addressing significant residual risks regarding building maintenance, refurbishment and operation; calls on the Bureau to adopt a comprehensive maintenance policy; welcomes the gradual phasing out of contracts regarding externalised management functions and the savings this generates;

Amendment 46a. Emphasises the need to rationalise Parliament's spending by assessing, wherever possible, the scope for reducing the number of building being rented; takes the view that the primary objective must be effective financial management and completion of works at the lowest possible cost;

Or. it

Amendment 60
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50

50. Recalls that in 2020, Parliament
launched an international architectural competition with two options, a comprehensive environmental renovation or reconstruction of the Spaak building; expects a detailed evaluation of the cost on the basis of the summary pre-project, which is to be developed by the winning architect in the course of 2021; demands that the renovation/reconstruction take into account Parliament’s current needs as described in the updated building strategy beyond 2019; points out that Parliament has a building which meets its functional needs in Strasbourg, its seat; warns against the potentially high cost of the complete reconstruction of the Spaak building, and calls for the works to be restricted to essential maintenance and renovation, in the interests of European taxpayers;

Amendment 61
Lara Wolters, Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50

50. Recalls that in 2020, Parliament launched an international architectural competition with two options, a comprehensive environmental renovation or reconstruction of the Spaak building; expects a detailed evaluation of the cost on the basis of the summary pre-project, which is to be developed by the winning architect in the course of 2021; demands that the renovation/reconstruction take into account Parliament’s current needs as described in the updated building strategy beyond 2019;
Amendment 62  
Angelika Winzig  

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 50  

50. Recalls that in 2020, Parliament launched an international architectural competition with two options, a comprehensive environmental renovation or reconstruction of the Spaak building; expects a detailed evaluation of the cost on the basis of the summary pre-project, which is to be developed by the winning architect in the course of 2021; demands that the renovation/reconstruction take into account Parliament’s current needs as described in the updated building strategy beyond 2019;

Amendment 63  
Matteo Adinolfi, Jean-François Jalkh, Joachim Kuhs  

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 50  

50. Recalls that in 2020, Parliament launched an international architectural competition with two options, a comprehensive environmental renovation or reconstruction of the Spaak building; expects a detailed evaluation of the cost on the basis of the summary pre-project, which is to be developed by the winning architect in the course of 2021; demands that the renovation/reconstruction take into account Parliament’s current needs as described in the updated building strategy beyond 2019;

50. Recalls that in 2020, Parliament launched an international architectural competition with two options, a comprehensive environmental renovation or reconstruction of the Spaak building; expects as soon as possible a detailed evaluation of the cost on the basis of the summary pre-project to be presented to Parliament’s Committee on Budgets and Committee on Budgetary Control, which is to be developed by the winning architect in the course of 2021; demands that the renovation/reconstruction take into account Parliament’s current needs as described in the updated building strategy beyond 2019;

50. Recalls that in 2020, Parliament launched an international architectural competition with two options, a comprehensive environmental renovation or reconstruction of the Spaak building; expects a detailed evaluation of the cost on the basis of the summary pre-project, which is to be developed by the winning architect in the course of 2021; stresses that the renovation/reconstruction take also
account Parliament’s current needs as described in the updated building strategy beyond 2019;

into account Members and Staff current needs related with recent restrictions and the new health and security required adjustment;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Angelika Winzig, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

51. Notes the Bureau’s decision of 25 November 2019 to set up a Europa Experience visitors’ facilities in all Member States by the end of the current legislature (2024) and the current implementation of this decision;

Amendment

51. Notes the Bureau’s decision of 25 November 2019 to set up a Europa Experience visitors’ facilities in all Member States by the end of the current legislature (2024) and the current implementation of this decision; calls on the Secretary General to regularly inform the Parliament’s Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Budgetary Control on the state of implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Matteo Adinolfi, Jean-François Jalkh, Joachim Kuhs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

51. Notes the Bureau's decision of 25 November 2019 to set up a Europa Experience visitors’ facilities in all Member States by the end of the current legislature (2024) and the current implementation of this decision;

Amendment

51. Is worried about the Bureau's decision of 25 November 2019 to set up a Europa Experience visitors’ facilities in all Member States by the end of the current legislature (2024) and the current implementation of this decision; considers it will be a huge cost on european taxpayers;

Or. en
Amendment 66
David Lega

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52

52. Welcomes the idea that Parliament is committed to undertaking the necessary adaptation and renovation of its buildings in order to create an environment accessible to all users in line with Union standards and national legal frameworks; stresses that works to improve the accessibility for persons with disabilities and those with reduced mobility has already started in Strasbourg and that the projects will continue in both Brussels and Strasbourg, but also in six European Parliament liaison offices; asks that such renovations be continued in all other buildings of Parliament by committing to the functional accessibility requirements for the built environment laid down in Annex III to the Directive (EU) 2019/8829, and by referring to relevant international and European standards to fulfil those requirements in procurement procedures so Members, staff and visitors with disabilities and those with reduced mobility can access the buildings and make use of its facilities on an equal basis with others in line with the obligations set by the United Nation Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; underlines that funds should efficiently cover these measures/expenses;

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Amendment 67
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53 a (new)

53 a. Notes that a first call for tender was launched in 2019 in order to conclude contracts for new banking facilities and ended with only one bank choosing to submit an offer for the same space the bank previously occupied; notes that a second call for tender was organised in 2020 aiming to occupy the other two banking areas and no offers were received; regrets that the ING agency remained open only for the two first months of the current parliamentary term, time to open accounts for many of the new elected Members and contracted APAs, and then closed; notes that the supermarket has also decided not to extend its concession but welcomes the fact that there will be a future food market concession located on the ground floor of the Spinelli building; asks the administration to review and make more attractive the conditions of the exploitation of commercial concessions in order to attract quality services providers;

53 a. Expresses concerns on the Trèves 1 building for its lack of services; invites the Parliament to explore as a priority

Amendment

Or. en
solution to ensure this building has an effective connection with Parliament's main buildings, where most of the parliamentarian activities take place;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53 a (new)

53 a. Points to recent media reports that the thermal cameras in use in Parliament's premises for measuring the temperature of all persons entering Parliament is produced by Hikvision, a company importing and producing cameras from China's Xinjiang province\(^a\); recalls that Hikvision has been accused of providing surveillance equipment to internment camps in this province\(^b\); notes that there is an unacceptable risk that Hikvision, through its operations in Xinjiang, is contributing to serious human rights abuses; recalls that Parliament awarded the 2019 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to Ilham Tohti for his efforts to protect the rights of the Uyghur population in China; considers the use of thermal cameras of this provider in Parliament's premises therefore to be unacceptable; calls on the Secretary-General to terminate the contract with Hikvision and remove all of Hikvision’s thermal cameras from Parliament’s premises; stresses the need for the Bureau to be more prudent in the selection of equipment providers in the future;

\(^a\) https://www.dw.com/en/exclusive-eu-taps-chinese-technology-linked-to-muslim-internment-camps-in-xinjiang/a-
Amendment 70  
Matteo Adinolfi, Jean-François Jalkh, Joachim Kuhs

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 55

*Motion for a resolution*  
*Amendment*

55. Welcomes the fact that no major security incident has taken place inside Parliament’s premises since 2015; however, is concerned by the total number of Members, secretariats of political groups and the accredited parliamentary assistants reported as victims of thefts within Parliament’s premises; *notes* that the estimated global value of items, which amounts to approximately EUR 60,000 per year, has been stable for the last three years; expects continuous strengthening at the security level;

55. Welcomes the fact that no major security incident has taken place inside Parliament’s premises since 2015; however, is *deeply* concerned by the total number of Members, secretariats of political groups and the accredited parliamentary assistants reported as victims of thefts within Parliament’s premises; *is deeply concerned* that the estimated global value of items, which amounts to approximately EUR 60,000 per year, has been stable for the last three years; expects continuous strengthening at the security level; *deplores the ongoing series of thefts and, above all, the failure to take action against those responsible for the thefts in Parliament.*

Amendment 71  
Isabel García Muñoz, Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 56

*Motion for a resolution*  
*Amendment*

56. Takes note of the immediate actions, approved by the Bureau at its

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meeting of 22 July 2020, which included an awareness campaign, protection of valuable IT equipment, prior notification of maintenance works, and provisions of separate master keys for each floor and strict limitation of their distribution; expects Parliament to adopt long-term measures to prevent thefts including among those envisaged the introduction of different levels of access rights within Parliament’s premises, increased CCTV coverage, and further actions relating to keys’ management policy, including the possibility of installing electronic door locks taking due account of the necessary proportionality between the investments needed and the actual value of stolen items;

expresses its dismay over the general tone and specific messages of the awareness campaign that seems to hold Members and staff responsible of the protection of the equipment beyond common sense rather than focus on security measures;

expects Parliament to adopt long-term measures to prevent thefts including among those envisaged the introduction of different levels of access rights within Parliament’s premises, increased CCTV coverage, and further actions relating to keys’ management policy, including the possibility of installing electronic door locks taking due account of the necessary proportionality between the investments needed and the actual value of stolen items;

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Amendment 72
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Marcel Kolaja, Mikuláš Peksa, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56

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Amendment

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Parliament’s premises, increased CCTV coverage, and further actions relating to keys’ management policy, including the possibility of installing electronic door locks taking due account of the necessary proportionality between the investments needed and the actual value of stolen items; as well as the preservation of privacy;

**Amendment 73**

Lara Wolters

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 56**

56. Takes note of the immediate actions, approved by the Bureau at its meeting of 22 July 2020, which included an awareness campaign, protection of valuable IT equipment, prior notification of maintenance works, and provisions of separate master keys for each floor and strict limitation of their distribution; expects Parliament to adopt long-term measures to prevent thefts including among those envisaged the introduction of different levels of access rights within Parliament’s premises, increased CCTV coverage, and further actions relating to keys’ management policy, including the possibility of installing electronic door locks taking due account of the necessary proportionality between the investments needed and the actual value of stolen items;

56. Takes note of the immediate actions, approved by the Bureau at its meeting of 22 July 2020, which included an awareness campaign, protection of valuable IT equipment, prior notification of maintenance works, and provisions of separate master keys for each floor and strict limitation of their distribution; **calls on Parliament to adopt long-term measures to prevent thefts including among those envisaged the introduction of different levels of access rights within Parliament’s premises, increased CCTV coverage, and further actions relating to keys’ management policy, including the possibility of installing electronic door locks taking due account of the necessary proportionality between the investments needed and the actual value of stolen items;**

**Amendment 74**

Ádám Kósa

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 56 a (new)**
Motion for a resolution

56 a. Urges the implementation of an internal escape strategy for people with reduced mobility or disabilities in case of emergency;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 75
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 57

Motion for a resolution

57. Welcomes the measures taken to upgrade Parliament’s buildings security, in particular security screening of external service providers’ personnel, and the internalisation of general security services in Luxembourg, approved by the Bureau in 2012, but which was impacted by the construction work of the new Adenauer II building;

Amendment

57. Welcomes the measures taken to upgrade Parliament’s buildings security, in particular security screening of external service providers’ personnel, and the internalisation of general security services in Luxembourg, approved by the Bureau in 2012, but which was impacted by the construction work of the new Adenauer II building; underlines that incidents of violent protesters entering public institutions in Member States and threatening staff and members is an issue of concern and therefore encourages DG SAFE to assess the current safety measures and make recommendations for further improvement;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

59. Observes the launch of market

Amendment

59. Notes with satisfaction the launch
procedures for the introduction of an automatic vehicle recognition system at all car park entrances and exits and the move to Adenauer II building; of market procedures for the introduction of an automatic vehicle recognition system at all car park entrances and exits and the move to Adenauer II building;

Amendment 77
Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

60 a. Notes that the physical presence in Parliament's premises is of great importance for proper functioning of its work;

Amendment 78
Mikuláš Peksa, Marcel Kolaja

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65 a. Underlines its obligation to manage directly or at least have direct control over the management of its critical infrastructures and sensitive, confidential data; instructs its administration to implement that obligation;

Amendment 79
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Mikuláš Peksa, Marcel Kolaja
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 b (new)

Amendment

65 b. Recalls the added-value of free and open source software in improving security since they make it possible for the Parliament to identify and fix weaknesses, keep control over the data by hosting in its servers and designing solutions according to its own specifications, while being able to avoid vendor lock-in effects;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Mikuláš Peksa, Marcel Kolaja

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 c (new)

Amendment

65 c. Reminds its preference for free and open source software solutions to proprietary ones when considering new internal applications; asks for situations to be reported to the ICT governing bodies when open source solutions are not chosen;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Mikuláš Peksa, Marcel Kolaja

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 d (new)

Amendment

65 d. Recognises the inherent risks to
information security and privacy when Members and staff use third-party-dependent solutions for sharing sensitive data without Parliament being able to control how the data is handled; in compliance with the cybersecurity strategic orientations approved by the Bureau and in order to remedy that situation, requests to host in its servers its own, open source-based and secure solutions for virtual meetings and instant messaging, as it is now the case in core institutions among Member States such as the French central administration and the German Bundeswehr;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 70

Motion for a resolution

70. Calls for improvements in the current set up of tracking and tracing of IT-related issues between operating units of Parliament’s services in order to increase efficiency and transparency;

Amendment

70. Calls for improvements in the current set up of tracking and tracing of IT-related issues between operating units of Parliament’s services in order to increase efficiency and transparency; stresses that on-site support for Members and their offices often solves IT-related issues quicker and more efficient than telephone support;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Mikuláš Peksa, Marcel Kolaja

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71

Motion for a resolution

Amendment
71. Requests that it be ensured that appropriate security measures are taken regarding the implementation of cloud solutions for Parliament to allow workloads to move between onsite and cloud-based computers as needs change and to provide therefore greater agility and more data deployment options via a hybrid cloud strategy;

71. Requests that it be ensured that appropriate security measures are taken regarding the implementation of cloud solutions for Parliament including those enabling its institutional sovereignty; insists that the latter should be obtained by ensuring data ownership, data localisation on Union territory, no vendor lock-in effects and a multi-vendor approach allowing workloads and data to be migrated seamlessly between the different layers of the hybrid cloud (on premises, private and public cloud) as well as between cloud service providers as needs change and not only during the cloud services exit phase, in order to achieve greater agility and more data deployment options, as agreed by the ICT Innovation Strategy Working Group and confirmed at the Bureau last year;

Amendment 84
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Mikuláš Peksa, Marcel Kolaja

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

71 a. Reminds that these politically significant requirements of the cloud policy, i.e. on the decision at the highest level on what categories of data may go to the cloud or not, on the definition of sovereign cloud or on the choice of providers, have been expressed by Parliament's Vice-Presidents, and need to be taken into account in the adoption process of the cloud policy by the Bureau, before any contract with a cloud service provider is signed;
Amendment 85
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Mikuláš Peksa, Marcel Kolaja

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71 b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

71 b. Requests that the right for
Members and assistants to use free and
open source office software be ensured;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Mikuláš Peksa, Marcel Kolaja, Lara Wolters, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71 c (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

71 c. Reminds the need to have a more
user-friendly, systematic and coordinated
approach for creating and converting data
of public interest under open, machine-
readable format, easily accessible and re-
usable for the users; reiterates the
importance of having its proper open data
policy; asks the relevant services to submit
to the Bureau a draft for approval;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Mikuláš Peksa, Marcel Kolaja

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

71 e. Reminds the importance of developing technological tools that enable Members to interact with citizens; asks its relevant services to test and develop opensource platforms based on open standards where citizens can interact and share with Members their ideas and their draft amendments on future legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Mikuláš Peksa, Marcel Kolaja

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

71 f. Considers that AI used by Parliament's administration should be released as open source software, under the public procurement procedure, with software documentation and algorithms being accessible and thus allowing competent authorities to review how the AI system arrived at a certain conclusion; emphasises that a fundamental rights audit should be part of a prior conformity assessment;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Mikuláš Peksa, Marcel Kolaja

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71 g (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

71 g. Reminds that the overarching principle of the cloud strategy is to secure information and protect data, which requires a specific categorisation of data based on data protection and security assessments; asks the Bureau to approve, after consideration of the risk analysis prepared by the relevant services, what data categories and applications may go to the cloud and what should be retained in Parliament only;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Mikuláš Peksa, Marcel Kolaja

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

71 h. Reminds the need to ensure no cloud vendor lock-in effects and achieve higher security by using open source software and open standards wherever possible;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Peter Pollák, Alice Kuhnke, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Heidi Hautala, Lara Wolters, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71 d (new)
71 d. Requests that a space on Parliament’s website is created, where the plenary voting record of each Member would be available and the repartition of votes per political groups and nationality of Members visible; invites the relevant services to study the feasibility and test the visualisation of the most recent signed amendments in committees and plenary of volunteering Members on their personal Parliament website page;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Alin Mituţa, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

71 a. Asks its administration to create a space on Parliament’s website where the plenary voting record of each Member would be available and the repartition of votes per political groups and nationality of Members visible and comparable; Invites the relevant services to study the feasibility and test the visualisation of the most recent signed amendments in committees and plenary of volunteering Members on their personal Parliament website page;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Isabel García Muñoz, Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

72 a. Draws attention to four important
investigations conducted by the EDPS involving Parliament, namely using NationBuilder to process personal data as part of its activities relating to the 2019 European election, failing to publish a compliant privacy policy for the "thistimeinvoting" website within the deadline set by the EDPS, and the body temperature checks as well as the test-booking website in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; notes that in the two first cases Parliament acted in line with EDPS' recommendations; reminds the aforementioned preliminary review of Parliament's data protection framework; calls on the relevant services of the Administration of Parliament to drawn lessons from the mentioned investigations for the future;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

72 a. Notes that the Wi-fi provided at Parliament's premises in Brussels is frequently unstable and does not provide for undisturbed meetings during virtual video calls; asks Parliament to upgrade the current system to the level of performance needed for a full remote working method of Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Matteo Adinolfi
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72 a (new)

72 a. Stresses the importance of having digital systems that can cope with the remote and office activities of Members and staff;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 11 a (new)

72 a. Notes the current e-tendering instrument TED as part of the digital transformation process of the public procurement, while emphasising the need for a multilingual questions and answers section while ensuring their timely update;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Amendment 98
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72 b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

72 b. Notes that e-invoices generate significant benefits in terms of savings, decreased environmental impact and reduction of administrative burdens; encourages an enhanced use of e-invoicing in Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 100
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72 c (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

72 c. Notes that public purchases of goods and services was estimated to be worth €2 trillion or 13.3 % of GDP\textsuperscript{1a}; notes that a study updated in 2020 showed how the use of new technologies such as blockchain, big data, AI, IoT, 3D printing are used to achieve different things: AI & ML can predict future demand, categorise procurement spend, and Chatbot scan
help with user questions; notes also that block chain is used to provide transparency into different stages of the public procurement and to ensure a digital record of every agreement, every process, every payment and a shared single source of data; notes that, finally, 3D printing ensures direct production of various parts; draws attention to the fact that applying emerging technologies to public tendering eventually enhances the much-needed digital transformation of the public procurement process;

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Or. en

Amendment 101
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Javier Nart, Alice Kuhnke, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Lara Wolters, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Transparency

Or. en

Amendment 102
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Peter Pollák, Alice Kuhnke, Katalin Cseh, Heidi Hautala, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ramona Strugariu, Lara Wolters
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72 b (new)

72 b. Notes with grave concern that according to the Transparency Register’s Annual Reports in past years, around half of all entries in the Register are incorrect; fears that the Register cannot fulfil its purpose of providing greater transparency on the activities of interest representatives if half of its entries provide incomplete or incorrect information; urges Parliament and the Commission to address the high rate of incorrect entries by increasing, at least temporarily, the Joint Transparency Register’s Secretariat’s Staff, systematically scan all entries for correctness and completeness, and ensure that only correct entries find a way to the register;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Peter Pollák, Alice Kuhnke, Katalin Cseh, Heidi Hautala, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72 c (new)

72 c. Recalls that Members were obliged to supply greater detail in their declarations of financial interest in relation to category 5 salary band in 2017; regrets that Members are still not required to provide sufficient detail on paid or unpaid outside activities which makes it impossible to check whether such an activity can result in a conflict of interests with their parliamentary activity; calls on the Bureau to update the format of the declarations to require that Members
declares their outside activities with sufficient detail; encourages consultations in this regard with relevant Member State authorities in order to exchange best practices; calls on the bureau to empower parliamentary services to request additional information from Members’ parliamentary services to improve monitoring and verification mechanisms of the declarations, that would include detailed checks of at least those declarations in which comparatively high side incomes are indicated;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

72 d. Welcomes the two European projects, Red Flags and Digiwhist, which use big data for reducing corruption and encourages the use of emerging technologies as part of the digitalisation;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Peter Pollák, Alice Kuhnke, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Heidi Hautala, Lara Wolters, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 73 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

73 a. Notes that as an outcome of the 2019 elections, the proportion of new Members in the 9th Legislature reached a
high of 61%; highlights that in the context of the increasing number of former Members, the Secretary-General and the Bureau should establish strong rules to regulate revolving doors, requiring former Members to inform Parliament of their post-mandate activities and employment over a period that extends at least over the time former Members receive the end of term transitional allowance; calls for an independent assessment on whether such activities create conflicts of interests;

Amendment 106
Lara Wolters, Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 74

74. Is convinced that the attractiveness of Parliament as an employer is a key component of its success; is deeply concerned by the difficulties encountered in recruiting some nationalities and bringing certain job profiles in-house; regrets Parliament’s over-dependence on external expertise; notes that DG PERS is currently running the project ‘Attracting and retaining top talent’ that aims at improving Parliament’s policies to attract and retain talent and at contributing to the development of Parliament’s long-term strategic vision on the jobs of the future; calls on the Secretary-General to do his utmost in order to reach a geographical balance for Parliament’s staff, both on the total number by country and on the number of management positions and to explore all available options in order to increase the competitiveness of Parliament as an employer;
Amendment 107
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 74

74. Is convinced that the attractiveness of Parliament as an employer is a key component of its success; is deeply concerned by the difficulties encountered in recruiting some nationalities and bringing certain job profiles in-house; regrets Parliament’s over-dependence on external expertise; notes that DG PERS is currently running the project ‘Attracting and retaining top talent’ that aims at improving Parliament’s policies to attract and retain talent and at contributing to the development of Parliament’s long-term strategic vision on the jobs of the future; calls on the Secretary-General to do his utmost in order to reach a geographical balance for Parliament’s staff, both on the total number by country and on the number of management positions and to explore all available options in order to increase the competitiveness of Parliament as an employer;

Amendment

74. Is convinced that the attractiveness of Parliament as an employer is a key component of its success; is concerned by the difficulties encountered in recruiting some nationalities and bringing certain job profiles in-house; is opposed to Parliament’s over-dependence on external expertise; notes that DG PERS is currently running the project ‘Attracting and retaining top talent’ that aims at improving Parliament’s policies to attract and retain talent and at contributing to the development of Parliament’s long-term strategic vision on the jobs of the future; calls on the Secretary-General to do his utmost in order to reach a geographical balance for Parliament’s staff in terms of proportional representation per Member State, including in management positions and to explore all available options in order to increase the competitiveness of Parliament as an employer;

Amendment 108
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 75

75. Is concerned by the difficulty of recruiting IT and financial specialists and

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75. Is concerned by the difficulty of recruiting IT and financial specialists and
staff at lower grades in Luxembourg, especially in the AST-SC category; stresses that a preliminary factual analysis that the Court addressed to the Secretary-General in this context shows that the selection process organised by the European Personnel Selection Office is not adapted to small-scale, targeted competitions, which are those most suited to the current recruitment needs of Union institutions; notes with satisfaction Parliament’s active involvement in an inter-institutional effort in reviewing the way competitions are currently run by European Personnel Selection Office; calls for a new selection framework to be developed for specialist competitions and the introduction of a mechanism for regularly reviewing its selection process; calls on the Secretary-General to organise specialist competitions in-house when appropriate;

staff at lower grades in Luxembourg, especially in the AST-SC category; stresses that the introduction of a correction coefficient that takes account of the higher living costs in this place of work together with recruitment at higher grades is necessary to solve this structural problem and reiterates, in this regard, its request to the Commission in the frame of the 2018 discharge procedure; stresses that a preliminary factual analysis that the Court addressed to the Secretary-General in this context shows that the selection process organised by the European Personnel Selection Office is not adapted to small-scale, targeted competitions, which are those most suited to the current recruitment needs of Union institutions; notes with satisfaction Parliament’s active involvement in an inter-institutional effort in reviewing the way competitions are currently run by European Personnel Selection Office; calls for a new selection framework to be developed for specialist competitions and the introduction of a mechanism for regularly reviewing its selection process; calls on the Secretary-General to organise specialist competitions in-house when appropriate;

Amendment 109
Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 75

75. Is concerned by the difficulty of recruiting IT and financial specialists and staff at lower grades in Luxembourg, especially in the AST-SC category; stresses that a preliminary factual analysis that the Court addressed to the Secretary-General in this context shows that the selection process organised by the European

75. Is concerned the lack of diversity among Parliament’s staff; calls on the Secretary-General to make increasing diversity a priority; takes note of the difficulty of recruiting IT and financial specialists and staff at lower grades in Luxembourg, especially in the AST-SC category; stresses that a preliminary factual
Personnel Selection Office is not adapted to small-scale, targeted competitions, which are those most suited to the current recruitment needs of Union institutions; notes with satisfaction Parliament’s active involvement in an inter-institutional effort in reviewing the way competitions are currently run by European Personnel Selection Office; calls for a new selection framework to be developed for specialist competitions and the introduction of a mechanism for regularly reviewing its selection process; calls on the Secretary-General to organise specialist competitions in-house when appropriate;

analysis that the Court addressed to the Secretary-General in this context shows that the selection process organised by the European Personnel Selection Office is not adapted to small-scale, targeted competitions, which are those most suited to the current recruitment needs of Union institutions; notes with satisfaction Parliament’s active involvement in an inter-institutional effort in reviewing the way competitions are currently run by European Personnel Selection Office; calls for a new selection framework to be developed for specialist competitions and the introduction of a mechanism for regularly reviewing its selection process; calls on the Secretary-General to organise specialist competitions in-house when appropriate;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76

Motion for a resolution

76. Voices great concern furthermore at the fact that it is very difficult for DG ITEC to recruit enough highly qualified experts with very specific profiles, knowledge and experience; calls on Parliament to ensure that this request is properly transmitted to the European Personnel Selection Office to better respond to such specific needs of Union institutions, in particular related to Parliament ICT expertise in the area of cybersecurity, cloud computing and artificial intelligence; deplores Parliament’s over-reliance on external consultants and stresses the importance for DG ITEC to further develop its strategy ‘From external consultants to contract

Amendment

76. Voices great concern furthermore at the fact that it is very difficult for DG ITEC to recruit enough highly qualified experts with very specific profiles, knowledge and experience; calls on Parliament to ensure that this request is properly transmitted to the European Personnel Selection Office to better respond to such specific needs of Union institutions, in particular related to Parliament ICT expertise in the area of cybersecurity, cloud computing and artificial intelligence; strongly disagrees with Parliament’s over-reliance on external consultants and stresses the importance for DG ITEC to further develop its strategy ‘From external consultants to contract
78. Welcomes the fact that promoting equal opportunities is a key component of Parliament's human resource policy; expresses its satisfaction as regards the fact that the gender equality roadmap continues to be implemented through concrete actions and that on 13 January 2020, the Bureau approved a set of more ambitious targets for gender balance in senior and middle management posts in Parliament’s Secretariat to be achieved by 2024: 50% female heads of units and directors, 40% female directors-general; stresses the need for the Bureau to further step up its commitment to gender equality by committing to more ambitious targets to be achieved by 2022: 50% female heads of units and directors, 50% female directors-general; calls on the Bureau to also formulate ambitious targets for lower management posts;
Parliament's human resource policy; expresses its satisfaction as regards the fact that the gender equality roadmap continues to be implemented through concrete actions and that on 13 January 2020, the Bureau approved a set of more ambitious targets for gender balance in senior and middle management posts in Parliament’s Secretariat to be achieved by 2024: 50% female heads of units and directors, 40% female directors-general;
Amendment 114
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78 a (new)

78 a. Reminds the findings and recommendations of the European Ombudsman in joint cases 488/2018/KR and 514/2018/K, and invites the Secretary-General to further improve the procedures of appointment of high ranking official towards more transparency and equality; calls on Parliament’s administration to report annually on the appointment of high ranking officials;

Amendment 115
Sabrina Pignedoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78 a (new)

78a. Calls on the Secretary-General to make further improvements to the procedure for appointing senior officials, with a view to achieving greater transparency and equality; calls on the Parliament’s Administration to submit annual reports on the appointment of senior officials;

Amendment 116
Lara Wolters, Isabel García Muñoz, Damian Boeselager, Karen Melchior, Daniel Freund, Claudia Gamon, Svenja Hahn, Irena Joveva, Sara Cerdas, Josianne Cutajar,
Moritz Körner, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Sven Simon, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

78 a. Notes that teleworking arrangements and remote voting are now part of Parliament’s working arrangements for Members; calls on Parliament’s secretariat to continue facilitating these arrangements for Members on maternity, parental, carers, sick or special leave and explore using the arrangements in the future also, so as to allow Members to both hold meetings in their constituencies as well as with their colleagues in Brussels in what could be ‘hybrid’ weeks;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Staff, Accredited Parliamentary Assistants and Local Assistants

Members, Staff, Accredited Parliamentary Assistants and Local Assistants

Or. en

Amendment 118
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 79

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

79. Draws attention to the 6% staff reduction target, that in 2019 required

79. Draws attention to the Court’ Special Report on the 2014 staff reform
Parliament to eliminate 59 posts from its administration establishment plan; acknowledges the simultaneous increase in the number of contractual agents; is concerned by the negative effects of this significant reduction on Parliament’s performance, both in the short and long term; calls for the reassessment of the staffing situation; package\textsuperscript{12a}; notes with concern the observations of the Court applicable to the Parliament; deprecates the very negative impact of the 2014 reform package on a number of crucial aspects of human resources within the Union institutions; draws also attention to the 6% staff reduction target, that in 2019 required Parliament to eliminate 59 posts from its administration establishment plan; acknowledges the simultaneous increase in the number of contractual agents; warns of the serious consequences that any budgetary cut in administration or staff reduction may have in the future of the European civil service and the implementation of the Union's policies; is concerned, in particular, by the negative effects of this significant reduction on Parliament’s performance, both in the short and long term; calls for an urgent but complete reassessment of the staffing situation;

\textsuperscript{12a} Court of Auditors’ Special Report No 15/2019: Implementation of the 2014 staff reform package at the Commission - Big savings but not without consequences for staff.

Or. en

Amendment 119
Petri Sarvamaa, Monika Hohlmeier, Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 79

Motion for a resolution

79. Draws attention to the 6% staff reduction target, that in 2019 required Parliament to eliminate 59 posts from its administration establishment plan; acknowledges the simultaneous increase in the number of contractual agents; is concerned by the negative effects of this

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79. Draws attention to the 6% staff reduction target, that in 2019 required Parliament to eliminate 59 posts from its administration establishment plan; acknowledges the simultaneous increase in the number of contractual agents; is concerned by the negative effects of this
significant reduction on Parliament’s performance, both in the short and long term; calls for the reassessment of the staffing situation;

notes that the work and responsibility of certain Parliament's Committees have increased due to the EU Recovery Plan Next Generation EU of EUR 750 billion, which amounts together with the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 (MFF) to EUR 1.8 trillion; is concerned of the missing administrative staff capacities in the relevant secretariats; calls for the reassessment of the staffing situation;

Amendment 120
Gilles Boyer, Alin Mitușa, Olivier Chastel, Martina Dlabajová, Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 79

79. Draws attention to the 6% staff reduction target, that in 2019 required Parliament to eliminate 59 posts from its administration establishment plan; acknowledges the simultaneous increase in the number of contractual agents; is concerned by the negative effects of this significant reduction on Parliament’s performance, both in the short and long term; calls for the reassessment of the staffing situation;

Amendment

79. Draws attention to the 6% staff reduction target, that in 2019 required Parliament to eliminate 59 posts from its administration establishment plan; acknowledges the simultaneous increase in the number of contractual agents; is concerned by the negative effects of this significant reduction on Parliament’s performance, both in the short and long term, while also ensuring responsible budgetary management and undertaking savings where appropriate; believes that further savings could be envisaged;

Amendment 121
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

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Paragraph 79

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

79. Draws attention to the 6% staff reduction target, that in 2019 required Parliament to eliminate 59 posts from its administration establishment plan; acknowledges the simultaneous increase in the number of contractual agents; calls for the reassessment of the staffing situation;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Gilles Boyer, Pascal Durand, Pierre Karleskind, Alin Mituța, Olivier Chastel, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 79 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

79 a. Stresses that Parliament’s establishment plans have remained relatively stable since 2012, while at the same time increasing the number of temporary staff; highlights the number of contract staff employed by the European Parliament has increased by 121% between 2012 and 2018 to compensate for the replacement of permanent staff, with a similar trend in 2019; notes the Court’s annual reports on the implementation of the Union budget for 2019 did not scrutinise whether these replacements have resulted from transfers of employees based in Strasbourg or Luxembourg to Brussels; calls on the Parliament’s human resources unit to share information on staff relocation at Parliament’s three places of work since 2012, either as part of the annual discharge procedure or by sharing
relevant information to the Court for inclusion in the next annual reports on budget implementation;

Amendment 123
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 79 a (new)

79 a. Notes that the Court found that the European institutions have reduced the number of posts for officials (i.e. permanent and temporary staff), while gradually increasing the number of contract staff, resulting in a substantial increase of the proportion of contract staff in the total workforce; reiterates that profoundly regrets the lack of career prospects for contract staff in the case of Parliament's administration; invites the Secretary-General to assess the risks relating to employing growing numbers of contract staff, including the danger of creating a two-tier staffing structure within Parliament; insists that core permanent positions and tasks should be performed by permanent staff;

Amendment 124
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 79 a (new)

79 a. Invites the Secretary-General to assess the risks related to employing growing numbers of contract agents,
including the danger of creating a two-tier staffing structure within Parliament; insists that core permanent positions and tasks should be performed by permanent staff;

Amendment 125
Lara Wolters, Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 79 a (new)

79 a. Highlights the fact that current rules on the termination of contract for APAs do not foresee the possibility of a termination by “mutual consent”, which would be a way to recognise the special political relation between Members and assistants, where both parties can acknowledge the mutual trust is no longer persisting, and benefit from a common solution; notes that this issue has been highlighted in several Parliament discharge reports and expects action to be taken as soon as possible;

Amendment 126
Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 79 b (new)

79 b. Notes that members of staff who work in the Union institutions for less than 10 years cannot claim an Union pension, they must transfer their contributions to another fund which meets Parliament's rules regarding the
type of fund and the age at which funds can be drawn; notes that many British APAs have not been able to transfer to United Kingdom pension funds which Parliament considers do not meet requirements; asks the Secretary-General to urgently look into this matter to ensure all members of staff can access their contributions;

Amendment 127
Lara Wolters, Agnes Jongerius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 79 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

79 c. Recalls that Parliament has called for Union legislation that grants workers the right to digitally disconnect from work without facing negative repercussions; asks Parliament to promote and apply this principle to itself too;

Amendment 128
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 80

Motion for a resolution

80. Is worried about the number of members of staff on long-term sick leave; is concerned that some of those cases may relate to exhaustion and disturbed work-life balance; calls on the administration to be proactive towards the concerned staff, to carefully evaluate the staff workload and to ensure a balanced distribution of tasks; welcomes the ‘Mind Matters’ campaign

80. Is worried about the number of members of staff on long-term sick leave; is concerned that some of those cases may relate to exhaustion and disturbed work-life balance; calls on the administration to be proactive towards the concerned staff, to carefully evaluate the staff workload and to ensure a balanced distribution of tasks; stresses, in that regard, the importance of
launch in 2018 by DG PERS to raise awareness and combat stigma related to mental health; urges Parliament to conduct a psychological risk assessment to detect psychological risks in the work environment and to develop targeted action plans to either eliminate them, or mitigate their negative impact; calls for reassessment of the applicable rules to enable quicker hiring of substitutes in cases of long-term sick leave;

a reasonable working schedule and avoiding meetings outside office hours which prevent Members and staff from keeping the work-life balance; welcomes the ‘Mind Matters’ campaign launch in 2018 by DG PERS to raise awareness and combat stigma related to mental health; urges Parliament to conduct a psychological risk assessment to detect psychological risks in the work environment and to develop targeted action plans to either eliminate them, or mitigate their negative impact; calls for reassessment of the applicable rules to enable quicker hiring of substitutes in cases of long-term sick leave;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Matteo Adinolfi, Jean-François Jalkh, Joachim Kuhs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 80

Motion for a resolution

80. Is worried about the number of members of staff on long-term sick leave; is concerned that some of those cases may relate to exhaustion and disturbed work-life balance; calls on the administration to be proactive towards the concerned staff, to carefully evaluate the staff workload and to ensure a balanced distribution of tasks; welcomes the ‘Mind Matters’ campaign launch in 2018 by DG PERS to raise awareness and combat stigma related to mental health; urges Parliament to conduct a psychological risk assessment to detect psychological risks in the work environment and to develop targeted action plans to either eliminate them, or mitigate their negative impact; calls for reassessment of the applicable rules to enable quicker hiring of substitutes in cases of long-term sick leave;

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80. Is deeply worried about the number of members of staff on long-term sick leave; is concerned that some of those cases may relate to exhaustion and disturbed work-life balance; calls on the administration to be proactive towards the concerned staff, to carefully evaluate the staff workload and to ensure a balanced distribution of tasks; welcomes the ‘Mind Matters’ campaign launch in 2018 by DG PERS to raise awareness and combat stigma related to mental health; urges Parliament to conduct a psychological risk assessment to detect psychological risks in the work environment and to develop targeted action plans to either eliminate them, or mitigate their negative impact; urges Parliament to monitor the long terms sick live to avoid abuse and unjustified absence, calls for reassessment of the applicable rules to enable quicker
hiring of substitutes in cases of long-term sick leave;

Amendment 130
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 80

80. Is worried about the number of members of staff on long-term sick leave; is concerned that some of those cases may relate to exhaustion and disturbed work-life balance; calls on the administration to be proactive towards the concerned staff, to carefully evaluate the staff workload and to ensure a balanced distribution of tasks; welcomes the ‘Mind Matters’ campaign launch in 2018 by DG PERS to raise awareness and combat stigma related to mental health; urges Parliament and leaderships of political groups to conduct a psychological risk assessment to detect psychological risks in the work environment and to develop targeted action plans to either eliminate them, or mitigate their negative impact; calls for reassessment of the applicable rules to enable quicker hiring of substitutes in cases of long-term sick leave;

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80. **Is deeply** worried about the number of members of staff on long-term sick leave **as** some of those cases may relate to exhaustion and disturbed work-life balance; calls on the administration **and** leaderships of political groups **to be** proactive towards the concerned staff, to carefully evaluate the staff workload and to ensure a balanced distribution of tasks; **welcomes** the ‘Mind Matters’ campaign launch in 2018 by DG PERS to raise awareness and combat stigma related to mental health; urges Parliament **and** leaderships of political groups to conduct a psychological risk assessment to detect psychological risks in the work environment and to develop targeted action plans to either eliminate them, or mitigate their negative impact; calls for reassessment of the applicable rules to enable quicker hiring of substitutes in cases of long-term sick leave;

Amendment 131
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 80 a (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

80 a. Stresses the pressing necessity for a revision of the Bureau decision establishing the categories of committees on the ground of their legislative workload in order to also consider their budget related work; notes that the current situation has a negative particular impact on the Committee on Budgetary Control, which deals with a huge workload due to the discharge procedure but has a low legislative workload; encourages Parliament’s administration to additionally reflect on innovative solutions to improve the situation;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Gilles Boyer, Pierre Karleskind, Alin Mituța, Olivier Chastel, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 80 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

80 a. Asks the Secretary-General to find a solution for the fact that APAs' salaries can exclusively go to Belgian bank accounts which runs counter to the idea of a single monetary and payments union;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Lara Wolters, Karen Melchior, Damian Boeselager, Daniel Freund, Claudia Gamon, Svenja Hahn, Irena Joveva, Sara Cerdas, Josianne Cutajar, Moritz Körner, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Sven Simon, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 81
81. Welcomes the development of measures that contribute to a better balancing of professional and private life including the implementation of extended teleworking possibilities for Parliament’s staff and of measures promoting well-being at work; however, highlights the value of physical presence in Parliament; highlights the contribution of teleworking arrangements and remote voting to the further reduction of Parliament’s carbon footprint; stresses the need for Parliament’s staff and Members to be provided the opportunity to continue the conduct of so-called hybrid meetings as well as remote voting; calls on the Bureau to continue providing instruments to facilitate these arrangements in future; 

Amendment 134
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82

82. Supports the continuation of the implementation of the activities of the Action Plan on Equality and Diversity 2014-2019 and of the measures of the report on ‘Diversities other than gender in the Parliament’s Secretariat - state of play and roadmap’ adopted by the Bureau on 3 April 2019; 

Amendment

82. Supports the continuation of the implementation of the activities of the Action Plan on Equality and Diversity 2014-2019; insists on the importance of better gender balance at all levels, including Directors-General level; support and of the measures of the report on ‘Diversities other than gender in the Parliament’s Secretariat - state of play and roadmap’ adopted by the Bureau on 3 April 2019; celebrates in particular the creation in 2020 of two contact points within Parliament, one on LGBTI+ issues and one on racial discrimination issues, both managed by the DG PERS’ Equality, Inclusion and Diversity Unit;
Amendment 135
Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

82 a. Deplores the fact that no system exists for Members who are on maternity leave or on long-term sick leave to temporarily continue their work remotely; is of the opinion that this impossibility is fundamentally at odds with core values of the Union because it sends the signal that a vote on a female candidate may entail temporary non-representation; therefore, building on the experience accumulated during the Covid-19 pandemic, calls on the development of a hybrid working method which allows for Members on maternity leave or long-term sick leave to participate on meetings and vote online if they wish do so;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

82 a. Deplores the fact that Members who are on maternity leave cannot be substituted; is of the opinion that this is at odds with core values of the Union because it implies that a vote on a female candidate may lead to temporary non-representation; is of the opinion that the impossibility (under normal circumstances) to vote remotely in plenary and in Parliament's committees for Members on maternity and parental leave,
carers’ leave, but also those on long-term sick leave as well as in cases of force majeure is an unresolved problem; calls on the Council to amend Art 6 of the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage (European Electoral Act) in order to remedy the situation; calls on the Bureau to amend the Rules of Procedure accordingly;

Amendment 137
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

82 a. Regrets the fact that there is no system in place to ensure that Members who are temporarily absent for a justified reason, such as parental or long-term sick leave, can continue to carry out their core duties, first and foremost to speak in debates and to vote; calls on Parliament to allow Members in such situations to carry out their core duties, for example by temporarily allowing them to remotely participate or by offering the possibility to designate a proxy to replace that Member during voting sessions;

Amendment 138
Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment
82 a. Welcomes Parliament’s two positive action schemes to recruit 12 contract agents and two trainees with disabilities over the last two years;

Amendment 139
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 83

83. Supports the launch of an awareness raising campaign in 2019 to promote a zero-tolerance policy on harassment in the workplace; recognises Parliament’s zero tolerance policy towards harassment at any and all levels including Members, staff and APAs; notes that following the 2019 elections, all Members were required to sign a declaration confirming their commitment to complying with the code of appropriate behaviour incorporated in Parliament's Rules of Procedure in January 2019; however, regrets that 10 new harassment cases were opened in 2019 out of which 4 cases concerned sexual harassment; deeply regrets in this context that the bureau has refused to implement the will of the plenary expressed on several occasions to institute anti-harassment trainings for all staff and Members on a compulsory basis; urges the bureau to implement this request without further delay;

1a European Parliament resolution of 14 May 2020 with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018, §115; European
Amendment 140
Petri Sarvamaa, Monika Hohlmeier, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 83

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Amendment 141
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 83

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Or. en
### Amendment 143

**Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Daniel Freund**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 83 a (new)**

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### Amendment 144

**Daniel Freund**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Ramona Strugariu**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 84**

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### Amendment 145
Isabel García Muñoz, Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 84

84. **Is aware of** the 38 cases involving Parliament pending with European Anti-Fraud Office in 2019 ranging from the proper use of parliamentary allowances and staff conduct to the financing of European political structures; points out the fact that 14 cases were closed in 2019;

84. **Regrets** the 38 cases involving Parliament pending with European Anti-Fraud Office in 2019 ranging from the proper use of parliamentary allowances and staff conduct to the financing of European political structures; points out the fact that 14 cases were closed in 2019;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Peter Pollák, Alice Kuhnke, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Heidi Hautala, Lara Wolters, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85

85. **Welcomes** the fact that there were no cases of whistleblowing recorded by Parliament in 2019;

85. **Notes** the fact that there were no cases of whistleblowing recorded by Parliament in 2019; **recalls that whistleblowing rules only apply to staff and do not extend to APAs or local assistants and current rules fail to guarantee adequate employment protection in such situations; calls on the Secretary General and the Bureau to develop comprehensive rules and safe procedures for whistleblowing, applicable to all categories of Parliament employees; reiterates its call on Parliament to fully adapt its own internal rules in the Staff Regulations to the Directive (EU) 2019/1937, including by setting up secure channels for reporting; further requests that Parliament guarantees the same level of protection to whistleblowers as it does to victims of harassment,**
including the establishment of an advisory committee dealing with the protection of whistleblowers; reiterates its request for information campaigns and mandatory training for all categories of Parliament's employees, including line managers to raise awareness among parliamentary staff on their whistleblower protections and their duty under the Staff Regulations to report illegal activities or maladministration;


Amendment 147
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85

85. Welcomes the fact that there were no cases of whistleblowing recorded by Parliament in 2019;

Amendment

85. Takes note of the fact that there were no cases of whistleblowing recorded by Parliament in 2019;

Amendment 148
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85 b (new)

85 b. Is of the opinion that the protection of whistleblowers is an integral element of democracy and it is crucial in
preventing and deterring unlawful activities and wrongdoings; recalls that, among others, APAs are in a vulnerable position due to their contract of employment; notes with concern the Secretary-General’s acknowledgement that “whistleblowing rules are applicable to accredited parliamentary assistants but that the Parliament cannot provide employment protection” as they are dependent on their individual Member; calls on the Secretary-General to take that factor into account when APAs act as whistleblowers, and to look to extend the contract protection options granted by Parliament for APAs who are victims of harassment to APAs who act as whistleblowers;

Amendment 149
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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harassment to APAs acting as whistleblowers;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Petri Sarvamaa, Monika Hohlmeier, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
85 a. Calls on Parliament to fully adapt its own internal rules in the Staff Regulations to the recently adopted Directive (EU) 2019/1937\(^a\), including by setting up secure channels for reporting; further notes that whistleblowers deserve proper protection, similar to that of victims of harassment; requests the parliament to raise awareness, where possible, among parliamentary staff on their whistleblower protections;


Or. en

Amendment 151
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
85 a. Reiterates its call on Parliament’s administration to provide, as early as possible in the next parliamentary term, new APAs with mandatory training
courses or publications including, in particular, financial and administrative matters (mission orders, medical examinations, accreditation, parking stickers, groups of visitors, exhibitions, etc.) in order to avoid systemic errors hindering the smooth running of administrative procedures that affect them; highlights, in this regard, the necessity of technical training on the work of the parliamentary committees as well as the possibility of attending language courses outside of office hours;

Amendment 152
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86

86. Welcomes the introduction of a wider and more sustainable food choice in Parliament’s self-service canteen; notes the launch of an independent client satisfaction survey via the Happy or Not terminals setup in the main outlets in Brussels, Strasbourg and Luxembourg aiming at identifying the outlets where changes and improvements are necessary; observes that The Happy or Not terminal has shown a constant and solid improvement rating of the catering services in the Kohl and Martens buildings, while the satisfaction rate is lower in the Spinelli and Paul-Henri Spaak buildings; calls for the necessary changes to adapt to clients’ needs;

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Or. en
Amendment 153  
Daniel Freund  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group  
Katalin Cseh  

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution
86. Welcomes the introduction of a wider and more sustainable food choice in Parliament’s self-service canteen; notes the launch of an independent client satisfaction survey via the Happy or Not terminals setup in the main outlets in Brussels, Strasbourg and Luxembourg aiming at identifying the outlets where changes and improvements are necessary; observes that The Happy or Not terminal has shown a constant and solid improvement rating of the catering services in the Kohl and Martens buildings, while the satisfaction rate is lower in the Spinelli and Paul-Henri Spaak buildings; calls for the necessary changes to adapt to clients’ needs;

Amendment
86. Welcomes the introduction of a wider and more sustainable food choice, including the introduction of a greater variety of vegetarian and vegan products, in Parliament’s self-service canteen; notes the launch of an independent client satisfaction survey via the Happy or Not terminals setup in the main outlets in Brussels, Strasbourg and Luxembourg aiming at identifying the outlets where changes and improvements are necessary; observes that The Happy or Not terminal has shown a constant and solid improvement rating of the catering services in the Kohl and Martens buildings, while the satisfaction rate is lower in the Spinelli and Paul-Henri Spaak buildings; calls for the necessary changes to adapt to clients’ needs;

Or. en

Amendment 154  
Lara Wolters, Isabel García Muñoz  

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 86 b (new)

Motion for a resolution
86 b. Outlook
Highlights that the COVID-19 crisis has called for decisions with a direct impact on the staff of Parliament, including subcontracted and freelance employees; points in this regard inter alia to the
decision to close the European House of History, the Europa Experience sites and the European Union Liaison Offices and to the altered circumstances for freelance interpreters and the cleaning and restoration staff; acknowledges that, in the current circumstances related to the spread of COVID-19, the institutions, including Parliament, must take decisions in a fast and unbureaucratic manner to prevent a further spread of the virus and to keep its staff safe; calls, however, on Parliament to honour its social responsibilities in each decision, to avoid, or to compensate for, any changes in income, and to avoid coronavirus-related dismissals of people working on Parliament’s premises by all means;

Amendment 155
Lara Wolters, Isabel García Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

86 a. Expresses strong concern for the working conditions of two of the external concessions contracted by Parliament, namely the cleaning and the restauration staff of Parliament, and strongly recommends that DG INLO organises an independent survey about the satisfaction with the working conditions of the staff concerned subcontracted by Parliament, in order to ensure respect and dignity at work; notes that such a survey was recommended in the previous Parliament discharge report, but that it was not followed up on; repeats this recommendation and urges the Bureau to act on this; calls for an evaluation of Parliament’s public procurement policy in light of improving transparent and predictable working conditions for all
subcontracted services; calls on Parliament to report to the discharge authority on the results of such evaluation;

Amendment 156
Lara Wolters, Isabel García Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Marc Botenga, Alicia Homs Ginel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 c (new)

Motion for a resolution  Amendment
86 c. Recalls with disappointment the dismissal of 60 employees working in Parliament’s catering services as of January 2021; notes that the dismissed staff was informed shortly before Christmas 2020 and in the middle of a pandemic; stresses that some of the dismissed staff had worked on Parliament’s premises for decades; recalls Parliament’s repeated calls on companies across the Union to retain their staff during the pandemic; urges the Secretary-General to respond without delay to a letter sent about the dismissal signed by 355 Members; asks to consider if Parliament could guarantee these workers job security by the internalisation of the catering service and directly hiring the catering personnel, following the good example of Parliament’s car drivers;

Amendment 157
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 a (new)

Motion for a resolution  Amendment
86 a. Is concerned about the increasing use of temporary and interim staff by the external catering company and the impact this is having on the quality of the services provided and on the amenities and quality of life and working conditions for permanent staff; condemns the recent mass redundancies occurred in the external catering company and asks Parliament's administration to find solutions within the frame of the social dialogue;

Amendment 158
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 d (new)

86 d. Deplores the decision by the COMPASS Group to dismiss 80 members of staff of the catering service by January 2021; welcomes the negotiation undertaken with the COMPAAS group which reduced the total number of dismissals to 50, but expresses complete dissatisfaction that still personnel is to be dismissed;

Amendment 159
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 e (new)

86 e. Considers the solution for the 50 dismissed members of staff insufficient to face the radical decision as already
highlighted by several Vice-Presidents in the Bureau meeting of 12 December;

Amendment 160
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 f (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

86 f. Reminds the precondition imposed by Parliament to keep all staff when COMPASS signed the contract with Parliament; invites the relevant Parliament authorities to investigate all possible alternative solutions which would safeguard the employment of all canteen workers; invites the Bureau to reconsider Parliament's externalisation policy in general; recalls the letter signed by over 300 Members to Parliament's President and Secretary-General on this regard;

Amendment 161
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Peter Pollák, Alice Kuhnke, Heidi Hautala, Lara Wolters, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

Plenary sessions taking place in Strasbourg

Or. en
Amendment 162
Ryszard Czarnecki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Raffaele Fitto, Joachim Stanisław Brudziński, Elżbieta Rafalska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

86 a. Geographic dispersion of Parliament - Single Seat

Or. en

Amendment 163
Ryszard Czarnecki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Raffaele Fitto, Joachim Stanisław Brudziński, Elżbieta Rafalska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 b (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

86 b. Recalls that a vast majority of Parliament expressed in various resolutions support for a single seat to ensure efficient spending of Union taxpayers money;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa, Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

86 a. Recalls that according to the Treaty on European Union (TEU), particularly the Protocol (No 6) on the location of the seats of the Institutions of the European Union, the European Parliament shall have its seat in Strasbourg, where the 12 periods of
monthly plenary sessions, including the budget session, shall be held; highlights that exceptional circumstances, which affect the functioning of Parliament, are temporary in nature; underlines the will of Parliament to resume back to the normal functioning based on the Treaties as soon as the situation allows; notes that permanent changes would require a Treaty change for which unanimity is needed;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Lara Wolters, Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

86 d. Single seat

Points to a recent study submitted to Parliament’s Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety1a; highlights the study’s conclusion that “in a carbon neutrality pathway, it is evident that Parliament needs to consider operation in one site”; recalls that Parliament has committed to reducing its carbon footprint in its resolution of 28 November 20191b; recalls that in the same resolution Parliament declared a climate and environment emergency; notes that Brussels is Parliament’s largest centre of activity, hosts the Council and the Commission but also other stakeholders, NGOs, civil society organisations and Member State representations; considers therefore that retaining Strasbourg as seat is unsustainable and indefensible;

Amendment 166
Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

86 e. Recalls that a majority of the Members have repeatedly expressed that the monthly move from Brussels to Strasbourg entails excessive financial and environmental costs that cannot be justified to voters and taxpayers; urges the Member States to assess whether a continuation of the obligation to hold 12 parliamentary sessions a year in another working place is tenable from a financial, environmental and health perspective in a changed global context;

Amendment 167
Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

86 f. Reiterates that the COVID-19 crisis constitutes a ‘force majeure’ situation which has forced Parliament to scrap a substantial amount of the 12 Strasbourg sessions from the 2020 parliamentary calendar; upholds that costs and health consequences caused by the COVID-19 crisis should not be
compounded by costly moves to Strasbourg; strongly urges the Member States to, by way of derogation from the Treaty, refrain from insisting on compensatory sessions in Strasbourg;

Amendment 168
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment
86 a. Points out that the additional expenditure involved in not having a single seat goes against the principle of sound financial management and against the principle of budgetary discipline; recalls that a vast majority of Parliament expressed in various resolutions support for a single seat to ensure efficient spending of Union’s taxpayers money; notes that the Court estimated that the end of moving from Strasbourg to Brussels could generate annual savings of EUR 114 million plus a one-off saving of EUR 616 million if the Strasbourg buildings are successfully divested, or a one-off cost of EUR 40 million if they are not; notes that a single seat can only be achieved by a unanimous Treaty change; urges the Council to take note of Parliament's position;

Amendment 169
Sabrina Pignedoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 a (new)
Motion for a resolution

86a. Points out that, in a series of resolutions, a clear majority of Members have expressed support for a single seat, to guarantee efficient spending of Union taxpayers' money; notes that having a single seat could generate annual savings of some EUR 114 million, in addition to a one-off saving of EUR 616 million as a result of giving up the Strasbourg buildings; notes that a decision on a single seat requires a unanimous Treaty change; urges the Council to take note of Parliament's position, assume its responsibilities and act accordingly;

Or. it

Amendment 170
Ryszard Czarnecki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Raffaele Fitto, Joachim Stanisław Brudziński, Elżbieta Rafalska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

86 c. Notes that the Court has estimated that moving from Strasbourg to Brussels could generate annual savings of 114 million;

Or. en

Amendment 171
Ryszard Czarnecki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Raffaele Fitto, Joachim Stanisław Brudziński, Elżbieta Rafalska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

86 d. Recalls that additional expenditure caused by the travels to Strasbourg goes
against the principle of sound financial management;

Or. en

Amendment 172
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

86 a. Reiterates its call on the Conference of Presidents and the Bureau to reconsider the possibility for APAs, under certain conditions, to accompany Members on official Parliament delegations and missions, as already requested by several discharge resolutions; calls on the Secretary-General to investigate the budgetary consequences, and the organisation and logistics of these missions;

Or. en

Amendment 173
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

86 b. Reiterates its demand for the APAs to receive the same subsistence allowance as the statutory personnel for their missions to attend the part-sessions in Strasbourg; takes note of the follow-up answer provided by the Secretary-General about the different rules concerning the reimbursement of duty travel between Parliament's three places of work that apply to the Parliament's secretariat and APAs; insists on its demand and a
subsequent change of the relevant rules mentioned by the Secretary-General;

Or. en

Amendment 174
Isabel García Muñoz, Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

86 c. Reiterates its concern about the alleged practice of Members obliging APAs to undertake missions, particularly to Strasbourg, without mission orders, mission costs or even travel costs; is of opinion that such a practice leaves room for abuse: where APAs travel without a mission order they not only have to pay for the costs by their own means, they are also not covered by workplace insurance; calls on the Secretary-General to investigate this alleged practice and to report on this by the end of the year;

Or. en

Amendment 175
Isabel García Muñoz, Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

86 d. Reiterates its call on the Conference of Presidents and the Bureau to reconsider the possibility for APAs, under certain conditions to be determined, to accompany Members on official Parliament delegations and missions, as already requested by several Members; takes note of the estimated financial impact explained by the Secretary-
General on his follow-up to the 2018 discharge but insists on the limited extension of this possibility; suggests a new discussion at the level of the Bureau and the Conference of Presidents;

Amendment 176
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

86 b. Reiterates its concern about the alleged practice of Members obliging APAs to undertake missions, particularly to Strasbourg, without mission orders and without the reimbursement of their mission and travel spending; is of opinion that such a practice leaves room for abuse as when APAs travel without a mission order they not only have to pay for the costs by their own means, they are also not covered by workplace insurance; reiterates its calls on the Secretary-General to investigate this alleged practice and to report on this by the end of the year;

Amendment 177
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 c (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

86 c. Takes note of the solutions found for APAs who had worked for two consecutive parliamentary terms without interruption but who were lacking up to 2
months to complete the ten years of service needed to be entitled to a pension under the pension rights scheme of the Union institutions; criticises the fact that a solution was put forward too late, despite the numerous and continuous warnings during the previous parliamentary term; criticises, furthermore, the fact that the only solution found depended solely on the goodwill of certain Members who were aware of the situation and were in solidarity with these APAs; criticises, also, the fact that the Administration did not inform Members elected for the new parliamentary term of this matter and of the fact that they could issue contracts of less than six months in these instances, as a result of which many of these APAs had great difficulties finding a Member willing to employ them on a contract without interruption for a short period of time, and some did not even manage to do so;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

86 g. Recalls that Article 6 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union laissez-passer should be accorded to members servants and other agents of the Union, on the basis of the conditions laid down in the Regulation (EU) No 1417/2013 of 17 December 2013; reminds that Rule 5.3 of the Rules of Procedure lays down the right for all Members of to request a laissez-passer of the Union “allowing a Member to circulate freely in the Member States and in other countries which
recognise it as a valid travel document”,

since the “laissez-passer is to be
recognised as a valid travel document by
the authorities of the Member States”;
regrets reports from some Members that
the laissez-passer is not fully recognised
as a travel document in some Member
States; requests Parliament to enquire on
these situations and to coordinate with the
relevant authorities to make sure that
Members are not restricted and limited in
their free movement while going to or
returning from Parliament's meetings;

1a Council Regulation (EU) No 1417/2013
of 17 December 2013 laying down the
form of the laissez-passer issued by the
European Union (OJ L 353, 28.12.2013,

Amendment 179
Lara Wolters, Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 87

87. Recalls Article 27(1) and (2) of the
Statute for Members of the Parliament
which states that “the voluntary pension
fund set up by Parliament shall be
maintained after the entry into force of this
Statute for Members or former Members
who have already acquired rights or future
entitlements in that fund” and that
“acquired rights and future entitlements
shall be maintained in full”;

is however
convinced of the need to further explain
the legal consequences of the rules and/or
to modify the rules; asks the Secretary-
General to guarantee that no taxpayer
money is used for the future payments
Amendment 180
Lara Wolters, Petri Sarvamaa, Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 87 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

87 a. Recalls paragraph 118 of the 2017 Parliament discharge Resolution which called to investigate the legal foundations of the Voluntary Pension Fund and in particular, whether Parliament as has a legal obligation to guarantee that future entitlements shall be maintained in full and to fill the potential deficits of the fund or put fresh money in to the fund, given that the Voluntary Pension Fund is a SICAV investment fund under Luxembourg law rather than a regular pension fund, which would imply that there is in principle no such obligation; regrets that the Secretary-General has not yet come forward with any findings in response to the investigation called for;

Or. en

Amendment 181
Lara Wolters, Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 87 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

87 b. Points to a recent research which concluded that this particular type of fund can only give certain financial guarantees if this has been established by the parties via a contract; recalls that on November 10th 2020 a representative of the Parliament confirmed in a public hearing that no such contract between Parliament and the fund exists; thus concludes that there are no legal foundation for
Parliament guaranteeing the fund and that the financial situation of the fund is such that it cannot meet its future commitments;

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Or. en

Amendment 182
Lara Wolters, Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 87 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

87 c. Recalls that for all beneficiaries of the voluntary pension fund the benefits represent an additional rather than their only source of income; underlines that due to a low-interest-rate environment, the amount of defined benefit schemes has radically declined across the Union; objects against sheltering former members of Parliament from this dynamic; rejects any situation in which the actuarial deficit of the fund leads to any form of bail-out with taxpayer money;

Or. en

Amendment 183
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 88
Motion for a resolution

88. Further notes that at the end of 2019, the amount of net assets to be taken into account and the actuarial commitment amount to EUR 111 million and EUR 439.6 million, respectively, leading to an estimated actuarial deficit of EUR 328.6 million; is extremely concerned about the possible exhaustion of the voluntary pension fund;

Amendment

88. Further notes that at the end of 2019, the amount of net assets to be taken into account and the actuarial commitment amount to EUR 111 million and EUR 439.6 million, respectively, leading to an estimated actuarial deficit of EUR 328.6 million; is extremely concerned about the possible exhaustion of the voluntary pension fund; recalls that there is no explicit provision on what would happen if the funds were not sufficient; stresses the current situation of the fund which is such that it cannot meet its future commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 184
Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 90

Motion for a resolution

90. Recalls that, at its meeting of 10 December 2018, the Bureau decided to modify the rules applicable to the pension scheme by increasing the retirement age from 63 to 65 years and introducing a levy of 5% to pension payments for future pensioners with a view to improve its sustainability; welcomes that the immediate effects of the rules change were savings in the 2019 pensions payments amounting to approximately EUR 325,000, that of these, EUR 306,000 stem from the increase in pension age and EUR 19,000 stem from the introduction of a 5% levy to all pensions established after 1 January 2019; asks that the Bureau evaluate all possible options as soon as the Court of Justice has made its decisions regarding the current measures in order to find a fair solution to the voluntary pension scheme

Amendment

90. Recalls that, at its meeting of 10 December 2018, the Bureau decided to modify the rules applicable to the pension scheme by increasing the retirement age from 63 to 65 years and introducing a levy of 5% to pension payments for future pensioners with a view to improve its sustainability; welcomes that the immediate effects of the rules change were savings in the 2019 pensions payments amounting to approximately EUR 325,000, that of these, EUR 306,000 stem from the increase in pension age and EUR 19,000 stem from the introduction of a 5% levy to all pensions established after 1 January 2019; asks that the Bureau evaluate all possible options as soon as the Court of Justice has made its decisions regarding the current measures in order to find a fair solution to the voluntary pension scheme
and fund while keeping Parliament's liability to a minimum; including liquidation of the fund, a further increase of the retirement age and a reduction of pension benefits paid out;

Or. en

Amendment 185
Ryszard Czarnecki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Raffaele Fitto, Joachim Stanisław Brudziński, Elżbieta Rafalska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 90

90. Recalls that, at its meeting of 10 December 2018, the Bureau decided to modify the rules applicable to the pension scheme by increasing the retirement age from 63 to 65 years and introducing a levy of 5% to pension payments for future pensioners with a view to improve its sustainability; welcomes that the immediate effects of the rules change were savings in the 2019 pensions payments amounting to approximately EUR 325 000, that of these, EUR 306 000 stem from the increase in pension age and EUR 19 000 stem from the introduction of a 5% levy to all pensions established after 1 January 2019; asks that the Bureau evaluate all possible options as soon as the Court of Justice has made its decisions regarding the current measures in order to find a fair solution to the voluntary pension scheme and fund while keeping Parliament's liability to a minimum as Union taxpayers’ money is involved;

Or. en

Amendment 186
Lara Wolters
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 91

91. **Calls upon the Secretary-General and the Bureau to fully respect the Statute for Members and to establish with the pension fund a clear plan for Parliament assuming and taking over its obligations and responsibilities for its Members’ voluntary pension scheme;** supports the request from the Bureau to the Secretary-General to investigate ways to ensure a sustainable financing of the voluntary pension fund in accordance with the provisions of the Statute for Members while ensuring full transparency; appeals to the Bureau and the members of the voluntary pension fund to support measures aiming at limiting the deficit of the voluntary pension fund;

Amendment 187
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 91 a (new)

91 a. **Invites the Court to present a new opinion on the Voluntary Pension Funds, investing all possible options to limit its deficit;**

Amendment 188
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Lara Wolters

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 15

**Motion for a resolution**

**Green Parliament** and sustainability

**Amendment**

**Ecological** and sustainability **aspect of Parliament's operations**

Or. en

**Amendment 189**

Daniel Freund

don behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Katalin Cseh, Lara Wolters, Ramona Strugariu

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 92**

**Motion for a resolution**

92. Supports the use of the Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS), which is a management instrument of the Union for private and public organisations to evaluate and improve their environmental performance in accordance with Regulation 1221/2009\(^{10}\); acknowledges that the Parliament is the first Union institution to become carbon neutral in 2016 due to offsetting 100% of its irreducible emissions; supports measures taken to reduce Parliament’s emissions even further;

92. Supports the use of the Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS), which is a management instrument of the Union for private and public organisations to evaluate and improve their environmental performance in accordance with Regulation 1221/2009\(^{10}\); acknowledges that the Parliament is the first Union institution to become carbon neutral in 2016 due to offsetting 100% of its irreducible emissions; supports measures taken to reduce Parliament’s emissions even further including **to increase teleworking targets in the different directorates-general, limit and optimise travel time for missions and encouraging the use of sustainable transport modes e.g. by increasing the number of parking spots for bikes**;

Amendment 190
Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Alin Mituţa, Martina Dlabajová, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Pierre Karleskind, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 92 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
92 a. welcomes that 100% of all A4 paper used in Parliament's offices is recycled and welcomes the significant decrease of paper purchase in 2019 compared to 2018; welcomes the Parliament's efforts to increase the number of paperless meetings and calls for more training to be offered to all Members, staff and APAs about the paperless tools which have been created to enable less documents to be printed and for further communication campaigns;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 191
Sabrina Pignedoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 92 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
92a. Takes the view that Parliament must set an example by making a commitment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030; calls, as a matter of urgency, for detailed reporting and accounting in respect of Parliament's measures to offset carbon emissions and for greater efforts to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030;

Amendment

Or. it
Amendment 192
Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Alin Mituța, Martina Dlabajová, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Pierre Karleskind, Pascal Durand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 92 b (new)

92 b. *Calls for further ambitious actions to be undertaken swiftly and believes that the ultimate goal should be a Parliament free of single-use plastic;*

Or. en

Amendment 193
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Katalin Cseh, Lara Wolters, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 93

93. *Welcomes* that the percentage of renewable energy supplied to Parliament in 2019 *was* 67%, the majority of this figure coming from the purchase of green electricity;

93. *Notes* that the percentage of renewable energy supplied to Parliament in 2019 *remained at* 67%, the majority of this figure coming from the purchase of green electricity; *calls on Parliament to further increase the percentage of renewable energy supplied to Parliament with a view to achieving a 100% renewable energy supply as soon as possible, including by using Parliament’s roof to produce its own solar power;*

Or. en

Amendment 194
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 95

95. Congratulates the Directorate-General for Infrastructure and Logistics for the successful internalisation of the car service and welcomes the gradual shift to zero-emission vehicles with a view to having a carbon-neutral service fleet by 2024 at the latest; acknowledges the big daily operations and commends the work of the service, which has achieved a high satisfaction rate amongst the Members;

Amendment

95. Welcomes the successful internalisation of the car service and gradual shift to zero-emission vehicles with a view to having a carbon-neutral service fleet by 2024 at the latest;

Amendment 195
Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Pierre Karleskind, Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 95 a (new)

95 a. Is concerned by the fact that out of the 340 persons that Parliament’s vehicle fleet has a capacity to theoretically carry on the way to Strasbourg per plenary session, only 116 Members and APAs made use of this opportunity in 2019, which corresponds to an occupation rate of less than 3 percent; urges the Secretary-General to introduce a user-friendly on-line booking system and allow this option of travel to Strasbourg to political groups’ and all other staff, too; further requests Parliament to lift the obligation on APAs to use the fleet to go from Brussels to Strasbourg only when accompanied by their Member;

Amendment 196
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Javier Nart, Alice Kuhnke, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Lara Wolters, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Peter Pollák

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 95 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

95 a. Is concerned by the fact that out of the 340 persons that the Parliament’s vehicle fleet has a capacity to theoretically carry on the way to Strasbourg per plenary session, only 116 Members and APAs made use of this opportunity in 2019, which corresponds to an occupation rate of less than 3%; urges the Secretary-General to introduce a user-friendly on-line booking system and allow this option of travel to Strasbourg to Political Groups’ and all other staff, too; further requests Parliament to lift the obligation on APAs to use the fleet to go from Brussels to Strasbourg only when accompanied by their Member;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 197
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 95 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

95 a. Recalls its calls on Parliament to allow for all Parliament and political groups' staff to use the drivers service when travelling to Strasbourg and this to reduce the environmental impact of Parliament; welcomes that opportunity for APAs to join for the trip to Strasbourg and back exists but regrets that this option is not used to full capacity and is quite limited; requests for a better communication to be circulated on this
possibility so as to make sure that no cars travel empty to Strasbourg and back;

Amendment 198
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Lara Wolters, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 96

96. Welcomes the adoption by the Bureau, on 16 December 2019, of new ambitious key performance indicators targets for Parliament’s environmental management system, including a 40% carbon emission reduction target, with a date of 2024 for the new legislative term; calls for the implementation of the necessary actions in order to achieve the target on time; and regular reporting to the discharge authority on the progress made; further calls on Parliament to re-evaluate its EMAS target in light of the emissions reductions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic;

Amendment 199
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 97

97. Commends Parliament’s commitment to green public procurement; notes that Parliament’s objective is to...
increase the value-weighted percentage of contracts among certain priority products classified as ‘Green’, ‘Very Green’ or ‘Green by Nature’; **commends** the fact that 89,1% of contracts by value in priority-product categories were classified as ‘Green’ or ‘Very Green’, or ‘Green by Nature’ in 2019; **welcomes the adoption by the Bureau, on 16 December 2019, of a new ambitious key performance indicators target for green public procurement, meaning that on average 90% of contracts in priority-product categories should be classified as ‘Green’, or ‘Green by Nature’ over the 2020-2024 period; underlines the need to develop further green public procurement by setting ambitious targets for greening contracts in the medium term;**

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**Amendment 200**

Lara Wolters

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 97 a (new)**

_Motion for a resolution_  

97 a. **Welcomes Parliament's intention to introduce sustainability reporting, which will include social aspects of procurement, calls on the Parliament to monitor developments in the field of social and sustainable public procurement, such as the OECD work on Public Procurement and Responsible Business Conduct and the upcoming Union legislation on corporate due diligence; believes that by incorporating responsible business standards in its procurement and purchasing policies, Parliament can lead by example, safeguard the public interest and ensure the accountability of public spending;**
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 97 a (new)

97 a. Welcomes the adoption by the Bureau, on 16 December 2019, of a new ambitious key performance indicators target for green public procurement, meaning that on average 90% of contracts in priority-product categories should be classified as ‘Green’, or ‘Green by Nature’ over the 2020-2024 period; underlines the need to develop further green public procurement by setting ambitious targets for greening contracts in the medium term;

Amendment

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 98 a (new)

98 a. Stresses that Parliament has to honour its commitments regarding the fight against climate change, and must consequently take appropriate steps in all its buildings to make sufficient bicycle internal and external parks, where bicycles are protected against theft, vandalism and the elements, available to all staff, and at the very least offer the same arrangements currently available in staff car parks; a system whereby vignettes are used as a means of identification could also be very
worthwhile in this regard;

Amendment 203
Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Alin Mituța, Martina Dlabajová, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Pierre Karleskind

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 98 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

98 a. Welcomes the significant increase of use of bicycles in Brussels in 2019 compared to 2018;

Amendment 204
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 98 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

98 a. Recalls Parliament’s goals of further reducing its emissions and underlines that the least polluting way of necessary air travel is the possibility of direct flights and flexible airline tickets; calls on Parliament's travel agency to make this their default option when choosing travel arrangements;

Amendment 205
David Lega

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 98 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

98 a. Notes the environmental impact of Parliament's recurrent relocation to Strasbourg;

Or. en

Amendment 206
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 101 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

101a. Expresses concern at the excessive use of English in Parliament debates and documents; points out that multilingualism and the use of the three working languages are principles enshrined in the Treaties and that Rule 167 of the Rules of Procedure lays down Parliament's language regime; calls for the legislation in force to be applied in order to guarantee the full use of the three working languages and multilingualism;

Or. fr

Amendment 207
Sabrina Pignedoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 104 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

104a. Draws attention to the need to rationalise interpreting and translating costs by optimising the way Parliament conducts its proceedings and making English the main language for other
Amendment 208
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 104 a (new)

Amendment
104 a. Calls on the Secretary-General to analyse the feasibility of the introduction of international sign language interpretation for all plenary debates, in line with the requests adopted by the Plenary, and to implement this decision in respect of the principle of equal access to all citizens;

Amendment 209
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 106

Amendment
106. **Condemns** the long back-logs regarding reimbursements of travel expenses in 2019; calls for ensuring and maintaining sufficient resources for DG FINS and for those resources to be allocated in a way that avoids the accumulation of backlogs;

Amendment 210
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 108

108. Strongly questions point 40 of the Parliament resolution of 14 May 2020 on Parliament’s estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2021 (2019/2214 (BUD)) asking the Bureau to revise the Implementing Measures of the Statute for Members of Parliament so that Members are reimbursed for flexible economy airline tickets when travelling within the Union, with exceptions accepted for flights longer than four hours of duration or flights with a stopover; calls for continuation of equal treatment of Members in terms of tickets offered; also recalls Parliament’s goals of further reducing its emissions and underlines that the least polluting way of necessary air travel is the possibility of direct flights and flexible airline tickets;

Amendment 211

Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Javier Nart, Peter Pollák, Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Heidi Hautala, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Alice Kuhnke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 109

109. Recalls that all Members shall have a separate bank account to receive the general expenditure allowance;
Amendment 212  
Gilles Boyer, Olivier Chastel, Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 109

Motion for a resolution

109. Recalls that all Members shall have a separate bank account to receive the general expenditure allowance;

Amendment

109. Recalls the decision that all Members should have a separate bank account to receive the general expenditure allowance; welcomes Parliament’s strict implementation of this obligation which resulted in a 100% compliance rate;

Amendment 213  
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 109 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

109 a. Recalls that Members exercise their mandate freely and independently as stated in Rule (2) of the Rules of Procedure; stresses that any body tasked with elaborating ethic rules and standards is limited to its assigned tasks and must ensure that its recommendations do not limit or hamper the free mandate of Members;

Amendment

Amendment 214  
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 109 b (new)
Motion for a resolution

109 b. Stresses that the general expenditure allowance is a lump-sum allowance and underlines the necessity of independence of the free mandate as stated in the rules of procedure; welcomes the decision of the Bureau to task a working group with the evaluation of the conduct of general expenditure allowance during the last years and finding feasible practices to manage the general expenditure allowance; invites the Bureau to take a decision until the end of 2021; stresses that the management of the general expenditure allowance should not lead to increased level of bureaucracy for members offices and Parliament’s administration;

Or. en

Amendment 215
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Peter Pollák, Alice Kuhnke, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Heidi Hautala, Lara Wolters, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Michal Šimečka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 110

110. Recalls Rule 11(4) of Parliament’s Rules of Procedure, as adopted by the Bureau on 11 March 2019, which provides that “The Bureau shall provide the necessary infrastructure on Members’ online page on Parliament’s website for those Members who wish to publish a voluntary audit or confirmation, as provided for under the applicable rules of the Statute for Members and its implementing rules, that their use of the General Expenditure Allowance complies with the applicable rules of the Statute for Members and its implementing measures”; notes that such publications are made

Amendment

110. Recalls Rule 11(4) of Parliament’s Rules of Procedure, as adopted by the Bureau on 11 March 2019, which provides that “The Bureau shall provide the necessary infrastructure on Members’ online page on Parliament’s website for those Members who wish to publish a voluntary audit or confirmation, as provided for under the applicable rules of the Statute for Members and its implementing rules, that their use of the General Expenditure Allowance complies with the applicable rules of the Statute for Members and its implementing measures”; calls on parliamentary services to send a
individually and optionally under the Members’ own responsibility and that Parliament’s administration is not responsible for compiling the information provided;

yearly reminder to Members of this possibility; calls on Parliament to regularly inform the discharge authority of how many Members follow these recommendations;

Amendment 216
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Marcel Kolaja, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Peter Pollák, Alice Kuhnke, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Heidi Hautala, Lara Wolters, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 111

111. Highlights that the 2018 Bureau decision on the general expenditure allowance stipulates that the Bureau will maintain this decision until the end of 2022 and will evaluate it on the basis of the experience gained during the 9th parliamentary term; stresses that any new voluntary and/or optional measures for greater transparency and financial accountability should not create unnecessary bureaucracy for Members and their offices;

Amendment

111. Highlights that the 2018 Bureau decision on the general expenditure allowance stipulates that the Bureau will maintain this decision until the end of 2022 and will evaluate it on the basis of the experience gained during the 9th parliamentary term; regrets that the bureau continues to neglect the plenary’s will expressed on numerous occasions\(^a\) to further reform the general expenditure allowance, thereby actively preventing that Members’ expenses of Union taxpayers’ money become more transparent and accountable; urges the bureau to immediately implement the Plenary’s decisions from the 2017 and 2018 Parliament’s discharge reports introducing changes to the rules governing the general expenditure allowance.

Amendment 217  
Petri Sarvamaa, Tomáš Zdechovský, Angelika Winzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 111

111. *Highlights that* the 2018 Bureau decision on the general expenditure allowance stipulates that the Bureau will maintain this decision until the end of 2022 and will evaluate it on the basis of the experience gained during the 9th parliamentary term; stresses that any new voluntary and/or optional measures for greater transparency and financial accountability should not create unnecessary bureaucracy for Members and their offices;  

111. *Expresses satisfaction with* the 2018 Bureau decision on the general expenditure allowance *which* stipulates that the Bureau will maintain this decision until the end of 2022 and will evaluate it on the basis of the experience gained during the 9th parliamentary term; stresses that any new measures for greater transparency and financial accountability should not create unnecessary bureaucracy for Members, their offices or Parliament's administration and no higher need of staff resources in Parliament's administration; recalls the principle of the independence of the mandate; recalls that the general expenditure allowance is intended to cover costs incurred which are directly related to the exercise of the Member's parliamentary mandate; underlines that it is the responsibility of elected Members to use the expenditure for parliamentary activities;
take into account the cost-effectiveness and proportionality of any further investments and the benefits achieved through further expenditure of tax payers' money and increased bureaucracy; notes that a comprehensive system of control of the Members’ parliamentary mandate allowance would necessitate 40 to 75 new administrative posts going against sound financial management and proportionality;

Amendment 219
Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu, Daniel Freund

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 111 a (new)

Amendment

111 a. Is of the opinion that the current non-exhaustive list of expenditure is not sufficiently clear and leaves therefore loopholes and room for misinterpretation, calls on the Bureau to establish an exhaustive list of expenditure or at least establish a negative list of expenditure;

Amendment 220
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Javier Nart, Peter Pollák, Alice Kuhnke, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Heidi Hautala, Lara Wolters, Michal Šimečka, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 115 a (new)

Amendment

115 a. Regrets that there have been 1 369 single bidder tenders among all public
tenders for contracts for the purchase of goods and services by Parliament; notes that single bidder tenders carry a significant threat to the proper spending of public money; calls on Parliament to investigate the reasons for the apparent lack of competition and take necessary measures to prevent single bidder tenders in future procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 221
Sabrina Pignedoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 122

Motion for a resolution

122. Calls on the Authority to ensure that information covering the registration and financial situation of European political parties and foundations be, to the greatest extent possible, publicly available in a user-friendly, complete and updated manner;

Amendment

122. Calls on the Authority to ensure that information covering the registration and financial situation of European political parties and foundations be publicly available in a user-friendly, complete and updated manner;

Or. it