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*Special Committee on foreign interference in all democratic processes in the European Union, including disinformation, and the strengthening of integrity, transparency and accountability in the European Parliament*

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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**

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Recommendations for reform of the European Parliament's rules on transparency, integrity, accountability and anti-corruption  
(2023/2034(INI))



**Amendment 1**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation -1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

— *having regard to its resolution of 9 June 2016 for an open, efficient and independent European Union administration<sup>1a</sup> and resolution of 15 January 2013 with recommendations to the Commission on a Law of Administrative Procedure of the European Union,<sup>1b</sup>*

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<sup>1a</sup> *Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2016)0279*

<sup>1b</sup> *(2012/2024(INL)), OJ C 440, 30.12.2015, p. 17–23*

Or. en

**Amendment 2**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation -1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- a *having regard to its resolution of 14 September 2017 on transparency, accountability and integrity in the EU institution,*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**

**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

— *having regard to its resolution of 16 February 2023 on the establishment of an independent EU ethics body,*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**

**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 4 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

— *having regard to its report of 22 February 2022 on the shrinking space for civil society in Europe,<sup>3a</sup>*

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<sup>3a</sup> *Texts adopted, P9\_TA(2022)0056*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

— *having regard to Regulation No 31 (EEC), 11 (EAEC) laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community,*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

— *having regard to its resolution of 16 February 2023 on the establishment of an independent EU ethics body,*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 5 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

— *having regard to its resolution of 8 March 2022 on the shrinking space for civil society in Europe,*

Or. en

**Amendment 8**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

— *having regard to the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (2005/684/EC, Euratom),*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Anna Bonfrisco**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, all from **a single political** group in Parliament, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;

*Amendment*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, all from **the S&D** group in **the** Parliament, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states; **whereas there is no other scandal that has ever reflected as badly on the public image of the EU;**

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Heidi Hautala**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, all from a single political group in Parliament, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that

*Amendment*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions **of an extremely worrying scheme** of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, all from a single political group in Parliament, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from

Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;

Qatar and there are allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;

Or. en

## **Amendment 11** **Sunčana Glavak**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Recital A**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, ***all from a single political group in Parliament***, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;

#### *Amendment*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;

Or. en

## **Amendment 12** **Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Recital A**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, all from a single political group in Parliament, as well as one accredited

#### *Amendment*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, all from a single political group in Parliament, as well as one accredited

parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and *there are allegations that* Morocco *may also be involved*, as well as other states;

parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and Morocco, as well as other states;

Or. en

### **Amendment 13**

**Clare Daly**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital A**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, *all from a single political group in Parliament*, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;

###### *Amendment*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are *serious* allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;

Or. en

### **Amendment 14**

**Andreas Schieder, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital A**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, *to date, three* sitting Members of the European Parliament *and one*

###### *Amendment*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving sitting Members, *former Members and staff* of the European



*former Member, all from a single political group in Parliament, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA);* whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that *Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;*

Parliament; whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and *Morocco; whereas* there are allegations that other states, *like Mauritania, are involved as well;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 15**

**Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital A**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, all from a single political group in Parliament, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas *these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;*

##### *Amendment*

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, all from a single political group in Parliament, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas *the current Brussels corruption scandal highlights the systemic nature of corrupted and manipulated decision-making in the EU;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 16**

**Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital A a (new)**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

*Aa. whereas interference and corruption are not limited solely to representatives of foreign interests but are*

*a widespread phenomenon that must, with a view to safeguarding the integrity of the EU's democratic process, the reputation and work of the institutions and the EU as a whole, be countered as vigorously as possible;*

Or. it

#### **Amendment 17**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*A a. whereas MEPs must act solely in the public interest and conduct their work with integrity, openness, diligence, honesty, accountability and respect for the EP's reputation; whereas MEPs must be independent and exercise their voting rights freely;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 18**

**Clare Daly**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*A a. whereas there have been subsequent revelations of non-declared trips by members, potentially influencing their position and that of the Parliament, involving notably Qatar, Morocco, Bahrain, Mauritania, the United Arab Emirates and Azerbaijan;*

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Sunčana Glavak**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***A a. whereas citizens' trust in the integrity and independence of European institutions is the foundation of the European political system;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***A b. whereas, following Qatargate, 104 trips payed by third countries were declared, 69 of which were submitted late, compared to an average of 4 trips reported per month previously; whereas no sanctions were issued;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff;***

***B. whereas, as the only institution elected by direct universal suffrage by EU citizens, Parliament has a duty to provide the highest levels of integrity and***

*transparency; whereas Members of the European Parliament represent the EU's citizens and are accountable to them; whereas sanctions against Members who fail to fulfil their obligations under their mandate must be sufficiently dissuasive; whereas Parliament worked with the Belgian authorities and swiftly took some steps to improve transparency and accountability for MEPs; whereas those steps can be further improved and bolstered; whereas the enlarged mandate of the ING2 Special Committee should be seen as a starting point in a broader process of reforming the internal rules of the European Parliament and the EU in general with the aim of providing greater transparency and integrity in their work and ensuring democratic scrutiny by citizens;*

Or. it

## **Amendment 22**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital B**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff;

##### *Amendment*

B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff ***by fully cooperating with the Belgian authorities; whereas this unprecedented corruption scandal gravely damaged the public perception of the European Union in general and of Parliament in particular; whereas this scandal should be seized as an opportunity for Parliament to drastically review its working methods and its Rules of Procedure in order to regain public trust, to lead by example for other European and national institutions and to provide a model for an accountable***

*and ethical parliamentary democracy;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 23**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital B**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff;

###### *Amendment*

B. whereas ***the European*** Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff; ***whereas the magnitude of the scandal has shown numerous loopholes in the European Parliament's integrity and transparency rules and their enforcement; whereas much ambition is required to swiftly introduce significant reforms of the European Parliament's internal procedures, as well as to push the European institutions to implement a much more stringent regulatory framework;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 24**

**Clare Daly**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital B**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff;

###### *Amendment*

B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff; ***whereas not all of the measures proposed have been implemented yet, while others are yet to be discussed and adopted to strengthen the integrity, transparency and accountability of EU institutions;***

**Amendment 25**

**Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas Parliament reacted *swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff*;

*Amendment*

B. whereas Parliament reacted *with proposals that are merely technical in nature and in reality do not seek a real solution to tackle the systemic corruption present in the EU institutions*;

Or. en

**Amendment 26**

**Aurélia Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Balázs Hidvéghi**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas Parliament *reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff*;

*Amendment*

B. whereas Parliament *has yet to set up a special committee of inquiry to shed light on the Qatargate scandal*;

Or. fr

**Amendment 27**

**Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Ba. whereas whistleblowers play a decisive role in exposing and preventing threats or harm to the public interest and in safeguarding society's welfare*;

*whereas the EU has adopted a directive for the protection of individuals who report breaches of EU law<sup>1a</sup>; whereas that directive applies to neither officials nor accredited parliamentary assistants, who are subject to the EU Staff Regulations<sup>2a</sup>, which do not provide sufficient protection for whistleblowers;*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Directive (EU) 2019/1937 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 on the protection of persons who report breaches of Union law.*

*<sup>2a</sup> Regulation No 31 (EEC), 11 (EAEC), laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community.*

Or. it

#### **Amendment 28**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B a.** whereas it is necessary to ensure that members of the European Parliament act without any undue influence from interest representatives, and that paid activities for Members of the European Parliament, gifts or travel invitations, the creation of expectations for future employment following the end of a Member's mandate or an official's termination of service, and undue use of information or contacts should all be strictly regulated;*

Or. en

**Amendment 29**

**Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B a. whereas there are attempts to trivialise the events of the Brussels corruption scandal and to deflect responsibility to outside actors without acknowledging the systemic internal deficiencies in the EU institutions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 30**

**Sunčana Glavak**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B a. whereas undermining citizens' trust in European institutions can significantly affect the perception of the European Union as a whole and endanger European values;***

Or. en

**Amendment 31**

**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B a. whereas it is important to ensure that democratic processes are not captured by private and external interests and that citizens' rights are fully***



*respected;*

Or. en

**Amendment 32**

**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B b. whereas Article 298 TFEU provides that in carrying out their missions, the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union shall have the support of an open, efficient and independent European administration, and that, in compliance with Staff Regulations and the Conditions of Employment adopted on the basis of Article 336, the European Parliament and the Council, acting by means of regulations in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, shall establish provisions to that end;***

Or. en

**Amendment 33**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B b. whereas the code of conduct for Members of the European Parliament with respect to financial interests and conflicts of interest is monitored by an Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members, composed of five MEPs; whereas the working methods and mandate of the Advisory Committee have proved to be insufficient;***

**Amendment 34**  
**Sunčana Glavak**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B b. whereas the European political system is particularly vulnerable in the run-up to elections;***

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B c. whereas the shortcomings of the current EU ethics framework derive largely from the fact that it relies on a self-regulatory approach and lacks adequate human and financial resources and competences to verify information; whereas an independent ethics body is essential for restoring trust in the European institutions and their democratic legitimacy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B c. whereas the “Measures on Strengthening Integrity, Independence and Accountability” as adopted by its Conference of Presidents on 8 February 2023 are only a first step and more ambition is needed in its implementation in order to ensure the highest standards of transparency;***

Or. en

**Amendment 37**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B d. whereas the decision taken by the EP Bureau on 13 March 2023 limiting the cooling-off period for former members to only 6 months was not taken in a consensual manner, with a margin of majority of only one vote, the final decisive vote being that of the EP President;***

Or. en

**Amendment 38**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B e. whereas the INGE I Report already highlighted a serious lack of legally binding rules and enforcement of the EU’s lobbying register, that former high-level European politicians and civil***

*servants are hired or co-opted by foreign authoritarian state-controlled national or private companies and that it is practically impossible to track lobbying coming from outside the EU;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 39**

**Andreas Schieder, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital C**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas the suspicions of corruption linked to Qatar go beyond Parliament and also affect the European *Trade Union Confederation, as well as national politicians and influential voices in some Member States, such as researchers; whereas Qatar has regularly been identified as a state that finances the spread of radical ideology and extremist Islamic organisations;*

###### *Amendment*

C. whereas the suspicions of corruption linked to Qatar *and Morocco* go beyond *the European* Parliament and also affect *other European Institutions such as the European Commission*, national politicians and influential voices in some Member States;

Or. en

### **Amendment 40**

**Clare Daly**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital C**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas the suspicions of corruption linked to Qatar go beyond Parliament and also affect the European Trade Union Confederation, as well as national politicians and influential voices in some Member States, such as researchers; *whereas Qatar has regularly been identified as a state that finances the spread of radical ideology and extremist*

###### *Amendment*

C. whereas the suspicions of corruption linked to Qatar go beyond Parliament and also affect *the Commission and the European Trade Union Confederation*, as well as national politicians and influential voices in some Member States, such as researchers;

*Islamic organisations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Anna Bonfrisco**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas the suspicions of corruption linked to Qatar go beyond Parliament and also affect the European Trade Union Confederation, as well as national politicians and influential voices in some Member States, such as researchers; whereas Qatar has regularly been identified as a state that finances the spread of radical ideology and extremist Islamic organisations;

*Amendment*

C. whereas the suspicions of corruption linked to Qatar go beyond Parliament and also affect the European Trade Union Confederation, as well as national politicians and influential voices in some Member States, such as researchers; whereas Qatar has regularly been identified as a state that finances the spread of radical ideology and extremist Islamic organisations; ***whereas the Qatar Charity has financed 140 mosques, including 47 in Italy alone;***

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Nicola Procaccini**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***C a. whereas the Qatargate-scandal damaged European Parliament's perception worldwide as an important institution fighting for human rights, against corruption and championing the values and highest possible ethical standards;***

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Andreas Schieder, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas *certain Islamist organisations supported by Qatar and Turkey have requested European funds; whereas these organisations lobby extensively within Parliament;*

*Amendment*

D. whereas *rules on lobbying in the EU focus mainly on face-to-face contact and do not take into account the whole ecosystem of different types of lobbying that exists in Brussels; whereas countries such as China and Russia, but also Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Morocco, Serbia and Turkey, have invested heavily in lobbying efforts in Brussels;*

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas certain Islamist organisations supported by Qatar and Turkey have requested European funds; whereas these organisations lobby extensively within Parliament;

*Amendment*

D. whereas certain Islamist organisations supported by Qatar and Turkey have requested European funds; whereas these organisations *and others, including US Christian fundamentalist organisations*, lobby extensively within Parliament;

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Aurélia Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

D. whereas certain Islamist organisations supported by Qatar and Turkey have requested European funds; whereas these organisations lobby extensively within Parliament;

D. whereas certain Islamist organisations supported by Qatar and Turkey have requested European funds; whereas these organisations lobby extensively within Parliament **and other EU institutions**;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 46**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital E**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been suspected of seeking to influence European decision-makers; whereas money originating in the UAE has been lent to a European political party **on at least one occasion**;

##### *Amendment*

E. whereas the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been suspected of seeking to influence European decision-makers; whereas money originating in the UAE has been lent to a European political party; **whereas a Member of the European Parliament, that explicitly deals with foreign policy, sits on an Emirati advisory board and receives a generous yearly remuneration for that**;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 47**

**Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Nicola Procaccini**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital E**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been suspected of seeking to influence European decision-makers; whereas money originating in the UAE has been lent to a European political party on at least one occasion;

##### *Amendment*

E. whereas the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been suspected of seeking to influence European decision-makers; whereas money originating in the UAE has been lent to a European political party on at least one occasion; **whereas there was a case of an MEP being regularly and directly remunerated by the UAE-based**

**Amendment 48**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E**

*Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been suspected of seeking to influence European decision-makers; whereas money originating in the UAE has been lent to a *European* political party on at least one occasion;

*Amendment*

E. whereas the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been suspected of seeking to influence European decision-makers; whereas money originating in the UAE has been lent to a *national* political party on at least one occasion;

**Amendment 49**

**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

*F. whereas some foreign states have looked for unconventional ways to interfere in the EU's affairs by using the newest methods made possible by contemporary technological developments, as well as resorting to economic and energy coercion and illegal financing;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

**Amendment 50**

**Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Anna Júlia Donáth**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*F a. whereas elite capture by foreign interests is facilitated by the unrestricted 'revolving doors' from European institutions to autocratic countries, with a high risk of harmful interference against the interests and values of the Union; whereas this practice still represents a significant form of foreign interference in the functioning of the European Union and is directly linked to situations where conflicts of interest contrary to the general interest may arise;*

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Anna Júlia Donáth**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*F b. whereas measures to reduce elite capture from the institutions are insufficient and do not prevent former Members of Parliament, former senior officials or former senior civil servants from working for governments, dependent entities or companies in strategic sectors in countries considered at risk of foreign interference;*

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Anna Júlia Donáth**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***F c. whereas the existence of a cooling-off period applicable to former Members of Parliament, former senior officials or former Union civil servants constitutes a major obstacle for those who aspire to work for governments, dependent entities or companies in strategic sectors in countries considered to be at risk of foreign interference, and whereas applying it would reduce the presence of European elites in those environments and the risk of interference;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 53**

**Clare Daly**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital G**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but the number of instances of such interference has increased following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;***

***deleted***

Or. en

### **Amendment 54**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital G**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but the number *of instances* of such**

**G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but the number, *intensity and***

interference *has* increased following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;

*potential danger* of such interference *have* increased *vastly* following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine; *whereas the U.S. government detected an increase in Russian covert political financing since 2014; whereas according to EEAS Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine dominates observed foreign information manipulation and interference activities;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 55**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital G**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but the number of instances of such interference has increased following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;

###### *Amendment*

G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but the number of instances of such interference has increased *in the months before and* following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 56**

**Maite Pagazaurtundúa**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital G**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but *the number of instances of such interference has increased* following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;

###### *Amendment*

G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but *its impact and severity needs to be better assessed* following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;

Or. en

**Amendment 57**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital G a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***G a. whereas Russia's and China's diplomatic channels regularly serve as enablers and multipliers of foreign information manipulation and interference operations deployed across wide range of topics;***

Or. en

**Amendment 58**

**Maite Pagazaurtundúa**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital G a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***G a. Whereas the fight against corruption in Ukraine is also a way to protect the country from Russian interference;***

Or. en

**Amendment 59**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital G b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***G b. whereas Russia systematically works on undermining and dividing international support for Ukraine and on***

*sowing doubt who the aggressor is by  
spreading lies about its war of aggression;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 60**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital H**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

H. whereas, in its resolution of 9 March 2022, Parliament identified Russia and China as the primary sources of foreign interference in Europe; whereas Russia seeks out contact with political parties, figures and movements in order to use them as players within the EU institutions with a view to legitimising its positions and proxy governments, lobbying for sanctions relief and mitigating the consequences of its international isolation; whereas Russian-backed groups launched a cyberattack on Parliament following the adoption of a resolution recognising Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism<sup>5</sup>;

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<sup>5</sup> European Parliament resolution of 23 November 2022 on recognising the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism. Texts adopted, P9\_TA(2022)0405.

###### *Amendment*

H. whereas, in its resolution of 9 March 2022, Parliament identified Russia and China as the primary sources of foreign interference in Europe; whereas Russia seeks out contact with political parties, figures and movements in order to use them as players within the EU institutions with a view to legitimising its positions and proxy governments, lobbying for sanctions relief and mitigating the consequences of its international isolation ***and eroding the idea of truth and objective reality***; whereas Russian-backed groups launched a cyberattack on Parliament following the adoption of a resolution recognising Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism<sup>5</sup>;

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<sup>5</sup> European Parliament resolution of 23 November 2022 on recognising the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism. Texts adopted, P9\_TA(2022)0405.

Or. en

### **Amendment 61**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

## Recital H

### *Motion for a resolution*

H. whereas, in its resolution of 9 March 2022, Parliament identified Russia and China as the primary sources of foreign interference in Europe; whereas Russia seeks out contact with political parties, figures and movements in order to use them as players within the EU institutions with a view to legitimising its positions and proxy governments, lobbying for sanctions relief and mitigating the consequences of its international isolation; whereas Russian-backed groups launched a cyberattack on Parliament following the adoption of a resolution recognising Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism<sup>5</sup>;

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<sup>5</sup> European Parliament resolution of 23 November 2022 on recognising the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism. Texts adopted, P9\_TA(2022)0405.

### *Amendment*

H. whereas, in its resolution of 9 March 2022, Parliament identified Russia and China as the primary sources of foreign interference in Europe; whereas Russia seeks out contact with political parties, figures and movements in order to use them as players within the EU institutions ***and in the national discourse within Member States*** with a view to legitimising its positions and proxy governments, lobbying for sanctions relief and mitigating the consequences of its international isolation; whereas Russian-backed groups launched a cyberattack on Parliament following the adoption of a resolution recognising Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism<sup>5</sup>;

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<sup>5</sup> European Parliament resolution of 23 November 2022 on recognising the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism. Texts adopted, P9\_TA(2022)0405.

Or. en

## Amendment 62 Clare Daly

### Motion for a resolution Recital H

#### *Motion for a resolution*

H. whereas, in its resolution of 9 March 2022, Parliament identified Russia and China as the primary sources of foreign interference in Europe; whereas Russia ***seeks*** out contact with political parties, figures and movements in order to ***use them as players within the EU institutions with a view to legitimising its positions and proxy governments, lobbying***

#### *Amendment*

H. whereas, in its resolution of 9 March 2022, Parliament identified Russia and China as the primary sources of foreign interference in Europe; whereas ***various states, including*** Russia, ***seek*** out contact with political parties, figures and movements in order to ***legitimise their positions and lobby for their own interests***; whereas ***a pro-Russia hacker group was***

*for sanctions relief and mitigating the consequences of its international isolation*; whereas *Russian-backed groups launched a cyberattack on Parliament* following the adoption of a resolution recognising Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism<sup>5</sup>;

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<sup>5</sup> European Parliament resolution of 23 November 2022 on recognising the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism. Texts adopted, P9\_TA(2022)0405.

*reported to have claimed responsibility for launching a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack on the European Parliament's website* following the adoption of a resolution recognising Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism<sup>5</sup>;

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<sup>5</sup> European Parliament resolution of 23 November 2022 on recognising the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism. Texts adopted, P9\_TA(2022)0405.

Or. en

### **Amendment 63**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital I**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

I. whereas several political parties represented in Parliament have sought financial support from entities outside Europe, including from Russia;

###### *Amendment*

I. whereas several political parties represented in *the European* Parliament have sought financial support from entities outside Europe, including from Russia; *whereas far right and right-wing extremist parties from Austria, France and Italy have signed cooperation agreements with Russian President Vladimir Putin's United Russia party and face media allegations of being willing to accept political funding from Russia; whereas other European far right and right-wing extremist parties such as the Germany, Hungary, as well as the in the UK also reportedly have close contact with the Kremlin, and have also worked as so-called 'election observers' in Kremlin-controlled elections, for example in Donetsk and Lugansk in eastern Ukraine, to monitor and legitimise Russian-sponsored elections; whereas findings about the close and regular contacts between Russian officials and*

*representatives of a group of Catalan secessionists in Spain, as well as between Russian officials and the largest private donor for the Brexit Vote Leave campaign, require an in-depth investigation, and are part of Russia's wider strategy to use each and every opportunity to manipulate discourse in order to promote destabilisation;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 64**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital I**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

I. whereas several political parties represented in Parliament have sought financial support from entities outside Europe, including from Russia;

##### *Amendment*

I. whereas several political parties represented in Parliament have sought financial support from entities outside Europe, including from Russia; *whereas according to the U.S. intelligence review Russia has secretly funnelled hundreds of millions euros to foreign political parties and candidates in more than two dozen countries since 2014 in an attempt to shape political events beyond its borders; whereas Kremlin-linked forces have also used shell companies, think tanks and other means to influence political events; whereas Russian political financing was sometimes overseen by Russian government officials and legislators, and was executed by government bodies; whereas Russia has used cryptocurrency, cash and gifts to shape political events in other countries;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 65** **Sunčana Glavak**



## **Motion for a resolution**

### **Recital I**

*Motion for a resolution*

I. whereas several political parties represented in Parliament have sought financial support from entities outside Europe, including from Russia;

*Amendment*

I. whereas several political parties represented in Parliament have sought financial support from entities outside Europe, including from Russia; ***emphasizes the importance of transparency in this context ;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 66**

**Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Nicola Procaccini**

## **Motion for a resolution**

### **Recital I a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***I a. Whereas there are significant vulnerabilities in the European Parliament's decision - making process, which have been exploited by third countries such as Qatar, Morocco and Russia; whereas the lack of accountability to citizens is a common element of those vulnerabilities;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 67**

**Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki**

## **Motion for a resolution**

### **Recital J**

*Motion for a resolution*

J. whereas there are still cases of staff members at Parliament with Russian citizenship and known links to the Russian authorities; whereas such a situation

*Amendment*

J. whereas there are still cases of staff members at Parliament with Russian citizenship and known links to the Russian authorities; whereas such a situation

creates a blatant risk of malign foreign interference;

creates a blatant risk of malign foreign interference; ***whereas in the past Parliament allowed a daughter of a member of Putin's closest circle to serve in the EP as an intern;***

Or. en

**Amendment 68**  
**Aurélia Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital J**

*Motion for a resolution*

J. whereas ***there are still*** cases of staff members ***at Parliament with Russian citizenship and known links to the Russian authorities;*** ***whereas such a situation creates a blatant risk of malign foreign interference;***

*Amendment*

J. whereas ***the European Parliament must, in all circumstances, respect the fundamental rights and reputation*** of staff members ***and must refrain from making unsubstantiated allegations against them publicly and without an opportunity for rebuttal, under conditions liable to be deemed harassment or defamation;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 69**  
**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital J**

*Motion for a resolution*

J. whereas ***there are still*** cases of staff members at Parliament with ***Russian citizenship and known*** links to the ***Russian*** authorities; ***whereas such a situation creates a blatant risk of malign*** foreign interference;

*Amendment*

J. whereas cases of staff members at Parliament with ***proven*** links to the authorities ***of non-EU countries could potentially carry the*** risk of foreign interference;

Or. en

## Amendment 70

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Motion for a resolution

#### Recital J

##### *Motion for a resolution*

J. whereas there are still cases of staff members at Parliament with **Russian citizenship and** known links to the Russian authorities; whereas such a situation creates a blatant risk of malign foreign interference;

##### *Amendment*

J. whereas there are still cases of staff members at Parliament with known links to the Russian authorities; whereas such a situation creates a blatant risk of malign foreign interference;

Or. en

## Amendment 71

**Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík**

### Motion for a resolution

#### Recital J a (new)

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

***J a. whereas it is necessary to strengthen the cooperation in the fight against interference, including corruption, between the European institutions and the Member States where they are located, whereas these Member States must adopt appropriate legislation to tackle these phenomena; whereas, in this context, cooperation between the intelligence services, the police services and the judicial institutions is essential and must be strengthened;***

Or. en

## Amendment 72

**Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi**

### Motion for a resolution

## Recital J a (new)

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***J a. whereas Azerbaijan has conducted large-scale influence operations, involving strong suspicions of corruption, against members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; whereas Azerbaijan has managed to avert probes into its election and whitewash its human rights record;***

Or. en

## Amendment 73

Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki, Jorge Buxadé Villalba

### Motion for a resolution

#### Recital J a (new)

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***J a. whereas allegedly criminal group connected with Russian intelligence was trying to reach Ukrainian interns in the European Parliament and coerce them into ending sensitive data from Members' offices by threatening to harm their relatives back in Ukraine;***

Or. en

## Amendment 74

Clare Daly

### Motion for a resolution

#### Recital K

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***K. whereas some organisations focusing on social issues and lobbying within Parliament receive funding from outside the EU and intend to influence the European way of life;***

***K. whereas civil society organisations (CSOs) are non-profit making organisations independent of public institutions and commercial interests, whose activities contribute to the***

*realisation of the EU values set out in Article 2 TEU and fundamental rights; whereas many CSOs struggle to survive and have problems with funding, which can seriously hinder their effectiveness and their ability to fulfil their mandate; whereas many CSOs receive funding from outside the EU; whereas foreign funding has been the target of legal and political attacks in some Member States; whereas restrictions imposed on CSOs receiving foreign funding is contrary to Union law, namely Article 63 TFEU on the free movement of capital and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union; whereas in case C-78/18<sup>5a</sup>, the CJEU ruled that the law referred to it violated free movement of capital and freedom of association;*

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*<sup>5a</sup> Judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union of 18 June 2021, European Commission v Hungary, ECLI:EU:C:2020:476.*

Or. en

## **Amendment 75**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital K**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

K. whereas some organisations *focusing on social issues and lobbying within* Parliament receive funding from outside the EU and intend to influence the European *way of life*;

##### *Amendment*

K. *whereas the ability of interest group representatives to influence decision-making in the European Parliament by way of arguments is a vital part of European democracy; whereas on the other hand, inappropriate means of influencing, bribery and other criminal offences are unacceptable;* whereas some organisations *trying to lobby the European* Parliament receive funding from outside the EU and intend to influence the European *democratic process; Considers*

*that corruption of public representatives - notably illegal activities generated by paid lobbying - constitutes a profound attack on the democracy, and should be met with zero tolerance and the utmost vigilance;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 76**

**Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Iskra Mihaylova**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital K**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

K. whereas some organisations focusing on social issues and lobbying within Parliament receive funding from outside the EU and intend to influence the European way of life;

##### *Amendment*

K. whereas some organisations focusing on social issues, *such as women's sexual and reproductive rights*, and lobbying within Parliament receive funding from outside the EU, *including from Russia and US-based far-right groups*, and intend to influence the European way of life;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 77**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital K**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

K. whereas some organisations *focusing on social issues and* lobbying within Parliament *receive funding from outside the EU and* intend to *influence the European way of life*;

##### *Amendment*

K. whereas some organisations lobbying within Parliament intend to *interfere in European democracy*;

Or. en

**Amendment 78**  
**Heidi Hautala**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital K a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***K a. whereas ethics standards already exist within the EU institutions, but are very fragmented and rely solely on a self-regulatory approach; whereas the creation of an independent ethics body could contribute to strengthening trust in the EU institutions and their democratic legitimacy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Heidi Hautala**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital K b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***K b. whereas the internal monitoring and alert mechanisms of the EU institutions have dramatically failed to detect the ongoing corruption and foreign interference; whereas the existing safeguards and sanction mechanisms have proven ineffective in deterring the aforementioned criminal behaviour;***

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Heidi Hautala**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital K c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***K c.*** *whereas, in view of the growing distance between the EU and its citizens, the EU institutions must strive for the highest possible standards of transparency, accountability and integrity; whereas these principles are key and complementary components in promoting good governance within the EU institutions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 81**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital K d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***K d.*** *whereas non-transparent, one-sided interest representation can lead to a risk of corruption and may pose a significant threat and serious challenge to the integrity of policy-makers and to public trust in the EU institutions; whereas corruption has significant financial consequences and constitutes a serious threat to democracy, the rule of law and public investment;*

Or. en

**Amendment 82**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital K e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*



*K e. whereas in numerous cases the information provided on Members' side jobs, declares work as 'consultant', 'economic activity', 'freelancer', 'retired lawyer in activity', 'owner of a consultancy company', 'member of a supervisory body', 'non-regular advocacy' and whereas this is not sufficient to judge whether a conflict of interest might arise and poses an unacceptable risk of conflicts of interest and possibly corruption;*

Or. en

**Amendment 83**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital K f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*K f. whereas no financial penalty has ever been imposed for a breach of the Code of Conduct of Members despite at least 26 breaches having been documented in the annual reports of the Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members;*

Or. en

**Amendment 84**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital K g (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*K g. whereas Article 41 CFREU defines the right to good administration as the right of every person to have his or*

*her affairs handled impartially, fairly and within a reasonable time by the institutions, and whereas Article 298 TFEU stipulates that, in carrying out their missions, the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union shall have the support of an open, efficient and independent European administration;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 85**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital L**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was **significantly** strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021<sup>6</sup>, which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas not all paid outside activities lead to conflicts of interest;

##### *Amendment*

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021<sup>6</sup>, which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas not all paid outside activities lead to conflicts of interest; ***whereas the measures recently introduced by the inter-institutional agreement on Transparency Register require stronger ambition by the European Parliament in ensuring proper implementation, enforcement and oversight of all transparency standards; whereas the register's scope does not include former MEPs, nor representatives of non-EU states; whereas the Transparency Register has not yet been rendered mandatory by individual decisions of the signatory institutions; whereas the Transparency Register shall be subject to a review no later than July 2025 only;***

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<sup>6</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May

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<sup>6</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May

2021 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register. OJ L 207, 11.6.2021, p. 1.

2021 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register. OJ L 207, 11.6.2021, p. 1.

Or. en

**Amendment 86**  
**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital L**

*Motion for a resolution*

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was **significantly** strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021<sup>6</sup>, which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas **not** all paid outside activities **lead to** conflicts of interest;

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<sup>6</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register. OJ L 207, 11.6.2021, p. 1.

*Amendment*

L. whereas the **mandatory** EU Transparency Register was strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021<sup>6</sup>, which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas all paid outside activities **create the risk of** conflicts of interest; **whereas two resolutions of the Parliament on 16 February 2023 have called for a ban on Members of the European Parliament performing paid side jobs or activities on behalf of organisations or individuals covered by the scope of the Transparency Register, in order to limit potential conflicts of interest; whereas this measure has yet to be implemented;**

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<sup>6</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register. OJ L 207, 11.6.2021, p. 1.

Or. en

## Amendment 87

Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

### Motion for a resolution

#### Recital L

##### *Motion for a resolution*

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was significantly strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021<sup>6</sup>, which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas not all paid outside activities lead to conflicts of interest;

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<sup>6</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register. OJ L 207, 11.6.2021, p. 1.

##### *Amendment*

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was significantly strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021<sup>6</sup>, which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the ***transparency register can and needs to be bolstered; whereas compulsory inclusion in the transparency register would make it possible to reduce, in particular, the risk of foreign influence and corruption phenomena; whereas the*** register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas not all paid outside activities lead to conflicts of interest;

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<sup>6</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register. OJ L 207, 11.6.2021, p. 1.

Or. it

## Amendment 88

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Motion for a resolution

#### Recital L

##### *Motion for a resolution*

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was ***significantly*** strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement

##### *Amendment*

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May

of 20 May 2021<sup>6</sup>, which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas not all paid outside activities lead to conflicts of interest;

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<sup>6</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register. OJ L 207, 11.6.2021, p. 1.

2021<sup>6</sup>, which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU *while still remains not formally mandatory, allows for too many meetings in all institutions to remain without transparency and was still found containing numerous inaccurate entries*; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas not all paid outside activities lead to conflicts of interest;

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<sup>6</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register. OJ L 207, 11.6.2021, p. 1.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 89**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital L a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***L a. whereas all EU institutions tasked with maintaining relations with third countries and conducting EU's foreign policy need to allocate further resources and strengthen their efforts to fight against foreign interference in democratic processes in EU partner countries, including through strengthening strategic communication;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 90**

**Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Anna Júlia Donáth**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital L a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***L a. whereas the registration of representatives of foreign interests in the Union's Transparency Register relating to companies in strategic sectors and their governments can undermine and corrupt European interests and its rule of law and requires particular vigilance in our institutions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 91**  
**Sunčana Glavak**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital L a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***L a. whereas mandatory disclosure of conflict of interest could be a potential tool to strengthen the integrity of the European parliament;***

Or. en

**Amendment 92**  
**Sunčana Glavak**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital L b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***L b. whereas full transparency of lobbying activities could additionally support lobbying as an indispensable segment of the European democratic environment;***

**Amendment 93**

Clare Daly

**Motion for a resolution****Recital M***Motion for a resolution*

M. whereas the use of targeted surveillance technology by **repressive** governments worldwide to track political opponents or monitor regime critics is on the rise; whereas typically vulnerable groups, such as human rights defenders, civil society activists and political opponents, are among the main targets, including within the EU; whereas the EU toolkit needs to be strengthened and better tailored to the challenges that global spyware and surveillance tools pose to EU institutions;

*Amendment*

M. whereas the use of targeted surveillance technology by governments worldwide to track political opponents or monitor regime critics is on the rise; whereas typically vulnerable groups, such as human rights defenders, civil society activists and political opponents, are among the main targets, including within the EU; whereas ***extensive use of these technologies by the public authorities of several EU Member States has been uncovered, including the targeting of Members of the European Parliament;*** ***whereas*** the EU toolkit needs to be strengthened and better tailored to the challenges that global spyware and surveillance tools pose to EU institutions; ***whereas there is a need to tackle the production of surveillance technologies within the EU and their export to countries outside the EU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 94**

Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

**Motion for a resolution****Recital M***Motion for a resolution*

M. whereas the use of targeted surveillance technology by repressive governments worldwide to track political opponents or monitor regime critics is on

*Amendment*

M. whereas the use of targeted surveillance technology by repressive governments worldwide to track political opponents or monitor regime critics is on

the rise; whereas typically vulnerable groups, such as human rights defenders, civil society activists and political opponents, are among the main targets, including within the EU; whereas the EU toolkit needs to be strengthened and better tailored to the challenges that global spyware and surveillance tools pose to EU institutions;

the rise; ***whereas also democratic governments fund research and investment of such technology***; whereas typically vulnerable groups, such as human rights defenders, civil society activists and political opponents, are among the main targets, including within the EU; whereas the EU toolkit needs to be strengthened and better tailored to the challenges that global spyware and surveillance tools pose to EU institutions;

Or. en

### **Amendment 95**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital M**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

M. whereas the use of targeted surveillance technology by ***repressive*** governments worldwide to track political opponents or monitor regime critics is on the rise; whereas typically vulnerable groups, such as human rights defenders, civil society activists and political opponents, are among the main targets, including within the EU; whereas the EU toolkit needs to be strengthened and better tailored to the challenges that global spyware and surveillance tools pose to EU institutions;

###### *Amendment*

M. whereas the use of targeted surveillance technology by governments worldwide, ***including from EU member states***, to track political opponents or monitor regime critics is on the rise; whereas typically vulnerable groups, such as human rights defenders, civil society activists, ***journalists*** and political opponents, are among the main targets, including within the EU; whereas the EU toolkit needs to be strengthened and better tailored to the challenges that global spyware and surveillance tools pose to EU institutions ***and individuals***;

Or. en

### **Amendment 96**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital N**



*Motion for a resolution*

N. whereas ***more clarity is needed regarding*** foreign interference, ***be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level, including interference perpetrated in cooperation with some NGOs;***

*Amendment*

N. whereas ***INGE I and INGE II have brought to light strategies and actors, who try to interfere in European affairs; whereas both committees made far reaching proposals on how to deal with malign interference; whereas there is still a need for a comprehensive strategy against*** foreign interference ***that takes into account both the complexity and the multi-dimensional nature of the attacks as well as an articulated and multipolar geo-political analysis;***

Or. en

**Amendment 97**

**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital N**

*Motion for a resolution*

N. whereas more clarity is needed regarding foreign interference, be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level, ***including interference perpetrated in cooperation with some NGOs;***

*Amendment*

N. whereas more clarity is needed regarding foreign interference, be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level; ***whereas in the Transparency Register (Annex II), NGOs are required to provide their main sources of funding by category; whereas this is not the case for commercial interest representatives, nor their intermediaries, who merely have to provide an estimate of annual costs for lobbying;***

Or. en

**Amendment 98**

**Anna Júlia Donáth, Nathalie Loiseau**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital N**

*Motion for a resolution*

N. whereas more clarity is needed regarding foreign interference, be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level, ***including interference perpetrated in cooperation with some*** NGOs;

*Amendment*

N. whereas more clarity is needed regarding foreign interference, be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level ***and*** NGOs;

Or. en

**Amendment 99**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital N**

*Motion for a resolution*

N. whereas more clarity is needed regarding foreign interference, be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level, including interference perpetrated in cooperation with some NGOs;

*Amendment*

N. whereas more clarity is needed regarding foreign interference, be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level, including interference perpetrated in cooperation with some ***unregistered*** NGOs;

Or. en

**Amendment 100**

**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital N a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***N a. whereas the Transparency Register does not cover the public authorities of third countries, including their diplomatic missions and embassies;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 101**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital O**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for foreign-funded *NGOs* could serve the purpose of tracing foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

##### *Amendment*

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for foreign-funded *Lobby- and Consultancy Agencies, Foundations, NGOs or Think Tanks* could serve the purpose of tracing foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

Or. en

## **Amendment 102**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital O**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for *foreign-funded NGOs* could *serve the purpose of tracing* foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

##### *Amendment*

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for *interest representatives funded from outside the EU or by unclear sources* could *help to trace* foreign *and illegitimate* interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

Or. en

## **Amendment 103**

**Clare Daly**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital O**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for **foreign-funded NGOs** could serve the purpose of tracing foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for **lobbying and interest groups** could serve the purpose of tracing **interference, including** foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 104**

**Anna Júlia Donáth, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Nathalie Loiseau**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital O**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for foreign-funded **NGOs** could serve the purpose of tracing foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

###### *Amendment*

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for foreign-funded **entities** could serve the purpose of tracing foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 105**

**Clare Daly**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital P**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

P. whereas **NGOs** must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

###### *Amendment*

P. whereas **all interest groups such as consultancies, law firms and other commercial interest representatives** must be subject to **ambitious and equivalent** scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules **and controls**; **whereas the internal rules of the Parliament should be reinforced, while waiting for the establishment of an independent ethics body and a proper reform of the Transparency Register, granting its**

*secretariat sufficient human and financial resources, in line with the position of the Parliament, in order to effectively perform its tasks;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 106**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital P**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

P. whereas *NGOs* must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

##### *Amendment*

P. whereas ***Lobby and Consultancy Agencies, Foundations, NGOs and Think-Tanks*** must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules, ***with particular regard to proportionality criteria and by avoiding cumbersome procedures, especially for small and no-profit NGOs; considering that any potential enhanced disclosure requirements should be weighed against the need to protect certain vulnerable individuals and groups;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 107**

**Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital P**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

P. whereas NGOs must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

##### *Amendment*

P. whereas ***as other external actors seeking to influence the legislative and decision-making process of the European Union or taking part in activities within the European Parliament*** NGOs must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules, ***in particular with regard to financing ;***

### Amendment 108

**Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin**

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Recital P

###### *Motion for a resolution*

P. whereas NGOs must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

###### *Amendment*

P. whereas NGOs, ***like all other representatives of interests active in the EU institutions***, must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

Or. it

### Amendment 109

**Morten Løkkegaard, Petras Auštrevičius, Sandro Gozi, Nathalie Loiseau**

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Recital P

###### *Motion for a resolution*

P. whereas ***NGOs*** must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

###### *Amendment*

P. whereas ***interest representatives, including NGOs***, must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

Or. en

### Amendment 110

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Recital P

###### *Motion for a resolution*

P. whereas ***NGOs*** must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency

###### *Amendment*

P. whereas ***all interest representatives*** must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence

rules;

and transparency rules;

Or. en

### **Amendment 111**

**Anna Júlia Donáth, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Nathalie Loiseau**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital P**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

P. whereas *NGOs* must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

###### *Amendment*

P. whereas ***all entities*** must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

Or. en

### **Amendment 112**

**Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital P a (new)**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

***P a. whereas the Brussels corruption scandal highlights how NGOs that function in a completely non-transparent manner have taken the EU decision-making hostage in the past years; whereas the scandal has proved that some of these NGOs are, in reality, front organisations involved in criminal deals and activities;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 113**

**Beata Szydło, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Rob Rooker, Nicola Procaccini**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital P a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***P a. whereas numerous informal friendship groups supporting particular countries exist in the European Parliament;***

Or. en

**Amendment 114**

**Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital P b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***P b. whereas several NGOs involved in the EP's work are in fact political manipulators that produce politically biased reports based on double standards against certain Member States; whereas these are then copy-pasted into European Union positions and documents; whereas such politically motivated documents have been used by the European Parliament and the European Commission to exert pressure on certain Member States with different political positions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 115**

**Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital P c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***P c. whereas the EU has left the doors wide open to non-transparent, shady NGOs and has given them millions of European taxpayers' money without demanding even the minimum level of transparency from them;***



**Amendment 116**

**Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital P d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*P d. whereas in 2018 the European Court of Auditors (ECA) already drew attention to the fact that the European Commission's funds to NGOs cannot be properly monitored, since there are no effective oversight mechanisms available; whereas according to ECA, between 2014 and 2017 11.3 billion euros of EU taxpayers' money was allocated to NGOs while it was clear that the European Commission did not have sufficiently detailed information on how the money was spent<sup>1a</sup>;*

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*[https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR18\\_35/SR\\_NGO\\_FUNDING\\_EN.pdf](https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR18_35/SR_NGO_FUNDING_EN.pdf)*

Or. en

**Amendment 117**

**Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital P e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*P e. whereas Fight Impunity, one of the NGOs involved in the Brussels corruption scandal, has never filed an account in its three-year-old existence, despite Belgian law requiring non-profit organisations to file yearly account; whereas Fight Impunity has been one of*

*the most influential human rights NGOs in Brussels and has advised the European Parliament's Subcommittee on Human Rights on several occasions, without being listed in the Parliament's transparency register;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 118**

**Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital P f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***P f. whereas the NGO 'No Peace Without Justice', which is also in the middle of the corruption scandal, has received millions of euros from the European Commission;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 119**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital Q**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

Q. whereas urgency resolutions must be adopted in line with Parliament's guidelines and scope and should ***never be misused by anyone, namely for any agenda other than*** the urgent need to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of those facing an imminent threat in non-EU countries;

Q. whereas urgency resolutions must be adopted in line with ***the European*** Parliament's guidelines and scope and should ***be continued to be used to address*** the urgent need to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of those facing an imminent threat in non-EU countries; ***whereas urgency resolutions must remain an essential tool of the EP human rights policy.***

Or. en

**Amendment 120**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital Q**

*Motion for a resolution*

Q. whereas **urgency** resolutions must be adopted in line with Parliament's guidelines and scope **and should never be misused by anyone, namely for any agenda other than the urgent need to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of those facing an imminent threat in non-EU countries;**

*Amendment*

Q. whereas resolutions **related to third countries (including urgencies, resolutions under EP Rule 132, and own-initiative country or region-specific reports)** must be adopted in line with Parliament's guidelines and scope;

Or. en

**Amendment 121**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital Q a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

**Q a. whereas sensitive votes on trade and cooperation agreements have to be under special scrutiny, as they have the potential to attract special attention from the respective counterparts in the negotiations.**

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 122**

**Andreas Schieder, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph -1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***-1 Denounces in the strongest terms the alleged attempts by Qatar and Morocco to influence Members, former Members and staff of the European Parliament through acts of corruption, which constitute serious foreign interference in the EU's democratic processes; Reiterates its deep shock and condemnation of the allegations of corruption and states its zero tolerance for corruption in any shape and form; insists that the magnitude of the ongoing investigations require the European Parliament and the EU institutions to react with strong and immediate measures;***

Or. en

**Amendment 123**  
**Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph -1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***-1. Denounces in the strongest terms the alleged attempts by Qatar to influence Members, former Members and staff of the European Parliament through acts of corruption, which constitute serious foreign interference in the EU's democratic processes ; calls for sanctions against involved third States if the facts are proven;***

Or. en

**Amendment 124**  
**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph -1 a (new)**

***-1 a Is committed to work at all levels to strengthen a culture of genuine integrity, transparency and accountability in the European Parliament and calls for stronger measures and political ambition in addressing all potential conflicts of interest, including a thorough assessment of the implementation of such measures; considers essential to change art. 3 of the Code of Conduct for Members, in order to clarify the rules on conflicts of interests and members' obligations to solve them;***

Or. en

**Amendment 125**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

1. Notes that rules cannot fully replace the individual responsibility of MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other European institutions; insists that potential loopholes in the institutions' rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting foreign interference;

*Amendment*

1. Notes that ***current anti-money laundering rules were instrumental in triggering the attention of national authorities for the current corruption scandal; notes that both, the Commission and the Parliament should have had occasions when the alert mechanisms could have become aware of parts of the networks behind the alleged current scandal but a lack of implementation of current rules led to missing this opportunity; notes that while*** rules cannot fully replace the individual responsibility of MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other ***European institutions, transparency and accountability are essential tools to prevent corruption and ensure trust in*** European institutions; insists that potential loopholes in the institutions' rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be

systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights *the urgent need to ensure that Parliament equips itself with strong measures to fight in defence of democracy, transparency and accountability and against corruption, and* that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting foreign interference;

Or. en

### Amendment 126

Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 1

###### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Notes that *rules cannot fully replace the individual responsibility of* MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other European institutions; insists that potential loopholes in the institutions' rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting *foreign* interference;

###### *Amendment*

1. Notes that, *with a view to retaining citizens' trust in the institutions' work and in the EU in general, the institutions must operate with absolute transparency and completely free of conflicts of interest; stresses, therefore, the need to ensure the highest standards of integrity and to establish rules strong enough to prevent, tackle and sanction any undue interference and corruption phenomena that involve* MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other European institutions; insists that potential loopholes in the institutions' rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; *calls for the Code of Conduct for Members of the European Parliament to be revised, for sanctions that are sufficiently dissuasive to be brought in and for rules on whistleblowers to be introduced that are in step with the European standards set in the Whistleblower Directive;* highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be

reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting **undue** interference **and corruption at every level**;

Or. it

### **Amendment 127**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

1. **Notes** that rules **cannot fully replace the individual responsibility of** MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other European institutions; insists that potential loopholes in the institutions' rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting foreign interference;

###### *Amendment*

1. **Believes** that rules **addressing** MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of **the European** Parliament and other European institutions **should be inspired by the highest level of transparency, integrity and accountability**; insists that potential loopholes in the institutions' rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing **conflicts of interest, enhancing transparency**, deterring and detecting foreign interference;

Or. en

### **Amendment 128**

**Aurélia Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Notes that rules cannot fully replace the individual responsibility of MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other European institutions; insists that potential

###### *Amendment*

1. Notes that rules cannot fully replace the individual responsibility of MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other European institutions; insists that potential

loopholes in the institutions' rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting foreign interference;

loopholes in the institutions' rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting foreign interference *while preserving the parliamentary freedom necessary for political pluralism, as provided for in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 129**  
**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

1. *Notes that rules cannot fully replace the individual responsibility of MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other European institutions;* insists that potential loopholes in the institutions' rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting foreign interference;

*Amendment*

1. Insists that potential loopholes in the institutions' rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed *by effective reforms and control capacities;* highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting *interference, including* foreign interference;

Or. en

**Amendment 130**  
**Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**



*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Notes with concern that in December 2022, the worst corruption scandal in decades broke out in Brussels surrounding the EU institutions, with the European Parliament and the European Commission heavily implicated in the scandal; deplores any attempt to trivialise the scandal and the systemic corruption present in the EU institutions, and to deflect responsibility to outside actors;***

Or. en

**Amendment 131**

**Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***1 b. Notes that most of the proposals by the EP so far are merely technical in nature and in reality do not seek a real solution to tackle the systemic corruption present in the EU institutions; is of the opinion that profound changes are needed in the whole of the EU decision-making process which is at present completely disconnected from European voters;***

Or. en

**Amendment 132**

**Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***1 c. Notes with deep concern that systemic corruption deeply affects the European institutions; is of the opinion***

*that the anti-corruption package proposed by the Parliament only scratches the surface; is of the view that the creators and beneficiaries of the corruption machine will not simply eliminate this system by themselves;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 133**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 2**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

2. Welcomes and fully supports the 14 points endorsed by Parliament's Conference of Presidents following a proposal by President Metsola to reform Parliament's rules and procedures; notes that these proposals are *at the centre* of Parliament's internal reform process; underlines that any measure taken should be compatible with the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament<sup>7</sup>;

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<sup>7</sup> OJ L 262, 7.10.2005, p. 1.

##### *Amendment*

2. Welcomes and fully supports the 14 points endorsed by Parliament's Conference of Presidents following a proposal by President Metsola to reform Parliament's rules and procedures; notes that these proposals are *an important first step* of Parliament's internal reform process; underlines that any measure taken should be compatible with the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament<sup>7</sup>; *considers that this freedom of the mandate must not preclude the Union's obligations to 'observe the principle of the equality of its citizens, who shall receive equal attention from its institutions', that 'every citizen shall have the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union', that 'decisions shall be taken as openly and as closely as possible to the citizen' and that 'the Union's institutions, bodies, offices and agencies shall conduct their work as openly as possible' (Article 9 and 10(3) of the TEU and Article 15(1) of the TFEU);*

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<sup>7</sup> OJ L 262, 7.10.2005, p. 1.

**Amendment 134**

**Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin**

**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 2***Motion for a resolution*

2. Welcomes and fully supports the 14 points endorsed by Parliament's Conference of Presidents following a proposal by President Metsola to reform Parliament's rules and procedures; notes that these proposals are ***at the centre of Parliament's internal*** reform process; underlines that any measure taken should be compatible with the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament<sup>7</sup>;

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<sup>7</sup> OJ L 262, 7.10.2005, p. 1.

*Amendment*

2. Welcomes and fully supports the 14 points endorsed by Parliament's Conference of Presidents following a proposal by President Metsola to reform Parliament's rules and procedures; ***calls for these points to be translated into effective action as soon as possible***; notes that these proposals are ***a good starting point for an even more substantial reform process within Parliament***; ***believes, however, that the 14 points offer solutions which are still limited and continue to be based on the idea of Parliament applying the existing rules itself***; ***believes that an independent external contribution is needed in every stage of the*** reform process; underlines that any measure taken should be compatible with the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament<sup>7</sup>;

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<sup>7</sup> OJ L 262, 7.10.2005, p. 1.

Or. it

**Amendment 135**

**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 2***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

2. **Welcomes** and fully supports the 14 points endorsed by Parliament's Conference of Presidents following a proposal by President Metsola to reform Parliament's rules and procedures; notes that these proposals are at the centre of Parliament's internal reform process; underlines that **any measure taken should be compatible** with the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament<sup>7</sup>;

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<sup>7</sup> OJ L 262, 7.10.2005, p. 1.

2. **Takes note of** and fully supports the 14 points endorsed by Parliament's Conference of Presidents following a proposal by President Metsola to reform Parliament's rules and procedures; **underlines that most of these measures have yet to be implemented; notes with regret that the original cooling-off period for former MEPs proposed was twelve months, and was then changed to six months; underlines that the Code of Conduct of the Commission provides a two-year cooling-off period;** notes that these proposals are at the centre of Parliament's internal reform process; underlines that **none of the measures have been identified as potentially incompatible** with the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament<sup>7</sup>;

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<sup>7</sup> OJ L 262, 7.10.2005, p. 1.

Or. en

### Amendment 136

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

2. **Welcomes and fully supports the 14 points endorsed by Parliament's** Conference of Presidents **following a proposal by President Metsola to reform Parliament's rules and procedures;** notes that these proposals are at the centre of Parliament's internal reform process; **underlines that any measure taken should be compatible with** the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28

##### *Amendment*

2. **Considers the "Measures on Strengthening Integrity, Independence and Accountability" as adopted by its** Conference of Presidents **on 8 February 2023 and the concrete actions for their implementation to be only a first step and to fall short in some cases, to the ambition currently needed to ensure the highest standards of transparency** notes that these proposals are at the centre of **the European Parliament's** internal reform process; **is**

September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament<sup>7</sup>;

*committed to ensure that ambitious internal reforms addressing Members will take into account* the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament<sup>7</sup>;

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<sup>7</sup> OJ L 262, 7.10.2005, p. 1.

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<sup>7</sup> OJ L 262, 7.10.2005, p. 1.

Or. en

### **Amendment 137**

**Aurélia Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 2**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

2. *Welcomes and fully supports the 14 points endorsed by* Parliament's Conference of Presidents *following a proposal* by President Metsola to reform Parliament's rules and procedures; notes that these proposals are at the centre of Parliament's internal reform process; underlines that any measure taken should be compatible with the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament<sup>7</sup>;

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<sup>7</sup> OJ L 262, 7.10.2005, p. 1.

###### *Amendment*

2. *Notes that* Parliament's Conference of Presidents *endorsed the 14 points proposed* by President Metsola to reform Parliament's rules and procedures; notes that these proposals are at the centre of Parliament's internal reform process; underlines that any measure taken should be compatible with the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament<sup>7</sup>;

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<sup>7</sup> OJ L 262, 7.10.2005, p. 1.

Or. fr

### **Amendment 138**

**Clare Daly**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**2 a.** *Regrets that the 14 points endorsed by the EP's Conference of Presidents do not cover all of the proposals from the resolution on Suspicions of corruption from Qatar and the broader need for transparency and accountability in the European institutions; recommends in particular a dedicated vice-president be put in charge of integrity and fighting corruption and interference in the Parliament, including foreign interference;*

Or. en

**Amendment 139**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**2 a.** *Considers it of the utmost importance to ensure that the current transparency and accountability rules are fully implemented, including the Code of Conduct for Members of the European Parliament; reaffirms its commitment to close all possible loopholes by strengthening existing measures, introducing firm sanctions to guarantee proper enforcement, including allocating the necessary resources to this task;*

Or. en

**Amendment 140**

**Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

**2a. calls for the establishment of a special committee to look more closely into further reforms that could be introduced in the medium to long term with a view to monitoring and ensuring integrity and transparency in Parliament's work and to ensure that the recommendations adopted by that committee are applied correctly;**

Or. it

### **Amendment 141**

**Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament's decisions; wholly supports Parliament's full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines ***that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the three MEPs under investigation are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs' commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;***

*Amendment*

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament's decisions; wholly supports Parliament's full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines ***the need to firmly tackle every form of corruption, including by imposing sufficiently effective and dissuasive sanctions against those responsible for corrupt acts and for influence campaigns; points out, with a view to preventing interference and conflicts of interest, that the EU legislative framework for combating corruption needs to be updated, and calls for the proposal for a directive against corruption at EU level to introduce harmonised and up-to-date standards on how to define the offence of***

*corruption and set sufficiently effective and dissuasive sanctions; calls, further, for the establishment of a European Anti-Corruption Authority with effective oversight and monitoring powers and effective powers to coordinate with the relevant bodies operating at national and international level;*

Or. it

## **Amendment 142**

**Aurélia Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament's decisions; wholly supports Parliament's full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the three MEPs under investigation are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs' commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

##### *Amendment*

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs **and** former MEPs **from the S&D Group** and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament's decisions; wholly supports Parliament's full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions **and despite the parliamentary work carried out by the INGE and ING2 committees**; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the three MEPs under investigation are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs' commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

Or. fr



**Amendment 143**  
**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament's decisions; wholly supports Parliament's full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place *despite* internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the three MEPs under investigation *are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens*; recalls *that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs' commitment to protecting and defending European democracy*;

*Amendment*

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament's decisions; wholly supports Parliament's full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place *while* internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions *failed*; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the three MEPs *and assistant* under investigation *so far have seriously damaged the public perception of the European Union in general and of the Parliament in particular*; recalls *its* commitment to *implement all measures to further increase independence, transparency and accountability of public institutions and their elected representatives, Commissioners and officials*; notes that *these reforms are of the utmost importance for both promoting the trust of citizens and ensuring the proper functioning of democratic institutions*;

Or. en

**Amendment 144**  
**Heidi Hautala**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Recalls its **consternation** and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament's decisions; wholly supports Parliament's full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the three MEPs under investigation are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs' commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

*Amendment*

3. Recalls its **shock** and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament's decisions; wholly supports Parliament's full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the three MEPs under investigation are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules **to ensure prevention and preparedness to reinforce the transparency and accountability of Parliament and all EU institutions and to fight against corruption** are testament to the seriousness of MEPs' commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

Or. en

**Amendment 145**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by **MEPs**, former **MEPs and an APA** in exchange for influence over Parliament's decisions; wholly supports Parliament's

*Amendment*

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by **Members**, former **Members and staff of the European Parliament** in exchange for influence over **the European Parliament's**

full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the **three** MEPs under investigation are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs' commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

decisions; wholly supports **the European** Parliament's full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the MEPs under investigation are not representative of **the European** Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules **and their enforcement** and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs' commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 146**

**Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament's decisions; wholly supports Parliament's full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions **demonstrated by the three MEPs under investigation** are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully

##### *Amendment*

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament's decisions; wholly supports Parliament's full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the **suspected** criminal behaviour and intentions are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU

committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs' commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs' commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 147**

**Sabine Verheyen, Norbert Lins, Daniel Caspary, Monika Hohlmeier, Ralf Seekatz, Axel Voss, Marion Walsmann, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Marlene Mortler, Christine Schneider**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 3**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament's decisions; wholly supports Parliament's full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the *three* MEPs under investigation are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs' commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

###### *Amendment*

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament's decisions; wholly supports Parliament's full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the MEPs under investigation are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs' commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

Or. en

**Amendment 148**  
**Sunčana Glavak**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3 a.** *Calls for a mandatory disclosure of Conflict of Interest for all MEPs and EP's staff; notes that all their financial and other interests that could influence their decision making should be publicly available on a single online platform;*

Or. en

**Amendment 149**  
**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**4 a.** *Regrets that recommendations from the INGE I Report for the EU institutions to reform the Transparency Register, including by introducing more stringent transparency rules, mapping of foreign funding for EU-related lobbying, and ensuring an entry which allows for the identification of funding from foreign governments, have not been implemented yet;*

Or. en

**Amendment 150**  
**Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Rob Rooken, Nicola Procaccini**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**4 a.** *Underlines that all MEPs involved in a corruption scandal of this magnitude were members of a single political Group, which was also most vocal in attacking EU Member States for alleged violations of democracy and rule of law, rising suspicions about double standards and purely political motivation of such attacks;*

Or. en

**Amendment 151**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**4 b.** *Urgently calls on member states to harmonise their electoral laws on foreign interference and the ban on foreign funding of political parties and foundations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 152**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Subheading 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

Reinforcing the *security* culture within Parliament in order to combat foreign interference more effectively

Reinforcing the *integrity* culture within *the European* Parliament in order to combat foreign interference more effectively

Or. en

## Amendment 153

Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Iskra Mihaylova, Bart Groothuis, Vladimír Bilčík

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 5

##### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

##### *Amendment*

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament, ***like all other European institutions***, is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff ***when they take up their duty within Parliament, making them aware they are potential targets of foreign state and non-state actors***; calls for regular refresher trainings on security issues to all staff members, particularly around mid-term; notes that this should include digital security training;

Or. en

## Amendment 154

Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau, Bart Groothuis, Abir Al-Sahlani

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 5

##### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security ***and*** interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

##### *Amendment*

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world ***and the conduct of the EU's external relations***; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security, interference ***and ethical standards*** training for all MEPs, ***APAs*** and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

### Amendment 155

**Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin**

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 5

###### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

###### *Amendment*

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the ***co-legislator role attributed to it in the Treaties and the*** impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

Or. it

### Amendment 156

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 5

###### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the ***security*** culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular ***security*** and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

###### *Amendment*

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the ***integrity*** culture within ***the European*** Parliament; recalls that ***the European*** Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular ***integrity*** and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

Or. en



## **Amendment 157**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 5**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

##### *Amendment*

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs, ***their offices*** and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

Or. en

## **Amendment 158**

**Benoît Lutgen**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 5**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

##### *Amendment*

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for ***compulsory*** proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

Or. en

## **Amendment 159**

**Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo,  
Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5a. Welcomes the decision to establish compulsory training for MEPs and APAs on whistleblowers; is concerned, however, that Parliament officials, APAs and political group staff do not enjoy the same standards of protection provided by the Whistleblower Directive; calls for the levels of protection provided in the directive to be applied to EU institution workers too, in particular, to protect them from any reprisals and to make it possible for them to reveal wrongdoing publicly;**

Or. it

**Amendment 160  
Benoît Lutgen**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5 a. Recommends that the parliamentary services draw attention to the risks of security and foreign interference when MEPs, parliamentary officials, APAs and political group staff take up their duties; asks that they sign a separate commitment to respect the rules and recommendations on security and the fight against interference when taking up their duties;**

Or. en

**Amendment 161  
Sunčana Glavak**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5 a.** *Calls for a mandatory training on transparency, ethics and anti-corruption for all MEPs and parliamentary staff; recommends for such a training to be updated regularly and include case studies and best practices from other European institutions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 162**  
**Aurélia Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5a.** *Calls on the Member States and their banking authorities to cooperate closely to ensure the application of these principles and to combat foreign financial interference;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 163**  
**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

6. Recommends an appropriate security clearance process for Parliament officials, **APAs and** political groups' staff; notes that such security clearances are particularly necessary when dealing with

6. Recommends an appropriate security clearance process for Parliament officials, political groups' staff **and to consider instances when the security clearance is needed for APAs**; notes that

foreign affairs, security and defence or trade issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly;

such security clearances are particularly necessary when dealing with foreign affairs, security and defence or trade issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly;

Or. en

**Amendment 164**  
**Clare Daly**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Recommends an appropriate security clearance process for Parliament officials, APAs and political groups' staff; notes that such security clearances are particularly necessary when dealing with foreign affairs, security and defence or trade issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly;

*Amendment*

6. Recommends an appropriate security clearance process for Parliament officials, APAs and political groups' staff ***who are given access to classified information***; notes that such security clearances are particularly necessary when dealing with foreign affairs, security and defence or trade issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly;

Or. en

**Amendment 165**  
**Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Recommends an appropriate security clearance process for Parliament officials, APAs and political groups' staff; ***notes that such security clearances are particularly necessary when*** dealing with foreign affairs, security and defence ***or***

*Amendment*

6. Recommends an appropriate security clearance process for Parliament officials, APAs and political groups' staff dealing with foreign affairs ***and*** security and defence issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national

*trade* issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly;

security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 166**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 6**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

6. Recommends an appropriate security clearance process for Parliament officials, APAs and political groups' staff; notes that such security clearances are particularly necessary when dealing with foreign affairs, security and defence or trade issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly;

###### *Amendment*

6. Recommends an appropriate security clearance process for Parliament officials, APAs and political groups' staff; notes that such security clearances are particularly necessary when dealing with foreign affairs, security and defence or trade issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly ***and in a non-discriminatory manner***;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 167**

**Clare Daly**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 7**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

***7. Calls for Parliament's services to screen trainees, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically***

###### *Amendment*

***deleted***

*exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive<sup>8</sup>;*

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<sup>8</sup> *Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC. OJ L 141, 5.6.2015, p. 73.*

Or. en

## **Amendment 168**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 7**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

7. Calls for Parliament's services to screen trainees, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; ***is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive<sup>8</sup>;***

##### *Amendment*

7. Calls for Parliament's services to screen trainees, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment;

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<sup>8</sup> *Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive*

*2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC. OJ L 141, 5.6.2015, p. 73.*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 169**

**Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Iskra Mihaylova**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 7**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

7. Calls for Parliament's services to **screen** trainees, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive<sup>8</sup>;

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<sup>8</sup> Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC. OJ L 141, 5.6.2015, p. 73.

###### *Amendment*

7. Calls for Parliament's services to **perform an open-source screening of** trainees, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; **reminds that such verification should be standardised to check an applicant's claims on their resume**; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive<sup>8</sup>;

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<sup>8</sup> Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC. OJ L 141, 5.6.2015, p. 73.

Or. en

## Amendment 170

Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Javier Zarzalejos

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 7

##### *Motion for a resolution*

7. Calls **for** Parliament's services to screen trainees, APAs, political group staff **and** Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive<sup>8</sup>;

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<sup>8</sup> Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC. OJ L 141, 5.6.2015, p. 73.

##### *Amendment*

7. Calls **on** Parliament's services **to explore options on how** to screen trainees, APAs, political group staff, Parliament staff, **external contractors and traineeship candidates** for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment, **especially if they are third country nationals**, ; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive<sup>8</sup>;

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<sup>8</sup> Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC. OJ L 141, 5.6.2015, p. 73.

Or. en

## Amendment 171

Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 7

##### *Motion for a resolution*

7. Calls for Parliament's services to screen trainees, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible

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vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive<sup>8</sup>;

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<sup>8</sup> Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC. OJ L 141, 5.6.2015, p. 73.

vulnerability to non-European influence **and on the basis of clearly defined criteria** before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive<sup>8</sup>;

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<sup>8</sup> Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC. OJ L 141, 5.6.2015, p. 73.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 172**

**Sabine Verheyen, Norbert Lins, Daniel Caspary, Monika Hohlmeier, Ralf Seekatz, Axel Voss, Marion Walsmann, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Marlene Mortler, Christine Schneider**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 7**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

7. Calls for Parliament's services to screen **trainees**, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive<sup>8</sup>;

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<sup>8</sup> Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May

###### *Amendment*

7. Calls for Parliament's services to screen APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive<sup>8</sup>;

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<sup>8</sup> Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May

2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC. OJ L 141, 5.6.2015, p. 73.

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Or. en

**Amendment 173**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, Benoît Lutgen, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7 a. Calls on national authorities to work towards common procedures and timeframe when giving security clearance to EP Members and staff, as well as any security screening related to the EU institutions; asks for a continued cooperation of the security authorities in the Member States;**

Or. en

**Amendment 174**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Benoît Lutgen, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7 b. Encourages each MEP and political group to pursue a thorough open source screening of candidates joining their offices;**

**Amendment 175**

**Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Iskra Mihaylova, Bart Groothuis, Vladimír Bilčík**

**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 8***Motion for a resolution*

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on Parliament's administration to exclude any non-EU **private** companies from such contracts; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU companies or states, such as Russia and China;

*Amendment*

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on Parliament's administration to exclude any non-EU companies from such contracts ***if there is a reasonable reason to be believe it may expose Parliament to security risks or lack of protection of personal data***; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU companies or states, such as Russia and China;

**Amendment 176**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 8***Motion for a resolution*

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on Parliament's administration to exclude any non-EU private companies from such contracts; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU

*Amendment*

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on Parliament's administration to exclude any non-EU private companies ***and providers that have been flagged by any EU institution or Member State as a potential security risk***

companies or states, such as Russia and China;

*in the past* from such contracts; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU companies or states, such as Russia and China;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 177**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 8**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on Parliament's administration to exclude any non-EU private companies from such contracts; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU companies or states, such as Russia and China;

###### *Amendment*

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on Parliament's administration to exclude any non-EU private companies from such contracts *and to ensure that hiring of these companies does not compromise Parliament's security*; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU companies or states, such as Russia and China;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 178**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 8**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on Parliament's

###### *Amendment*

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of *the European* Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on *the*

administration to exclude any non-EU private companies from such contracts; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU companies or states, such as Russia and China;

*European* Parliament's administration to exclude any non-EU private *or public-owned* companies from such contracts; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU companies or states, such as Russia and China;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 179**

**Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8 a. Welcomes recent decision to ban Tik-Tok from all the devices used by staff and Members of the European Parliament in their official capacity; likewise, underlines a need for a comprehensive check of all kinds of software used in the institutions (for emails, communication, data storage etc.) in order to exclude providers from autocratic states, especially Russia and China;**

Or. en

#### **Amendment 180**

**Anna Júlia Donáth, Sandro Gozi, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Nathalie Loiseau**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of NGOs, lobbyists and non-EU countries, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for sanctions against any

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of NGOs, lobbyists and non-EU countries, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for **a comprehensive EU**

representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;

**lobbying act which** sanctions against any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;

Or. en

### **Amendment 181**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 9**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of *NGOs*, lobbyists and **non-EU countries**, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for sanctions against any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;

###### *Amendment*

9. Considers that access to **the European** Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of **non-EU countries**, lobbyists and *NGOs*, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for sanctions against any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;

Or. en

### **Amendment 182**

**Clare Daly**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 9**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of NGOs, lobbyists and non-EU countries, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for **sanctions against** any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;

###### *Amendment*

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of NGOs, lobbyists and non-EU countries, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for **restrictions to be applied to** any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;

**Amendment 183**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of NGOs, lobbyists and non-EU countries, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for sanctions against any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;

*Amendment*

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of NGOs, lobbyists and non-EU countries, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for sanctions against any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access ***rights***;

Or. en

**Amendment 184**

**Markus Pieper, Sabine Verheyen**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***9 a. Highlights the recent breaches of transparency and corruption in connection with the NGOs “Fight Impunity” and “No Peace Without Justice”; observes that in some cases the work of NGOs is used to finance illegal activities and influence Parliament’s decision-making on behalf of third parties; reiterates that the rules of access to the premises of the European Parliament for stakeholders and NGOs needs to be revised; highlights that non-registered stakeholders and NGOs should have no right to be heard in Parliament;***

*calls for automated mandatory transparency checks by the administration and corresponding controls by the committee secretariats;*

Or. en

**Amendment 185**  
**Markus Pieper, Sabine Verheyen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 b.** *Notes that the current guidelines for the 2021 Interinstitutional Agreement to register NGOs and stakeholders are insufficient; stresses the need for a thorough pre-check within the registration in the transparency register to disclose all funding sources; notes that funding from EU funds must be traceable from the direct recipient to the final beneficiary when funds are passed on in a chain; calls to revise the guidelines for the registration in the transparency register to disclose all incoming and outgoing funds, including the transfer of funds from one NGO and stakeholder to another;*

Or. en

**Amendment 186**  
**Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Iskra Mihaylova, Bart Groothuis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

10. Recalls that any visitors must be accompanied while on Parliament's premises; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the

10. Recalls that any visitors must be accompanied while on Parliament's premises; ***deplores the fact that this rule has not been applied thoroughly and*** calls



event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP's office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; welcomes the proposal to create an entry log for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time and purpose of the visit, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit;

for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP's office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; welcomes the proposal to create an entry log for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time and purpose of the visit, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit; ***considers that this entry conditions should not apply to staff of other EU institutions, bodies and agencies, as well as journalists, who have a specific regime to access Parliament;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 187**

**Sabine Verheyen, Norbert Lins, Daniel Caspary, Monika Hohlmeier, Ralf Seekatz, Marion Walsmann, Axel Voss, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Marlene Mortler, Christine Schneider**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

10. Recalls that any visitors must be accompanied while on Parliament's premises; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP's office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; welcomes the proposal to create an entry log for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time and purpose of the visit, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit;

##### *Amendment*

10. Recalls that any visitors, ***with the exception of persons who are accredited and already have an access badge***, must be accompanied while on Parliament's premises; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP's office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; welcomes the proposal to create an entry log for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time and purpose of the visit, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit; ***whereby shared responsibility, e.g. between different MEP's offices***

*under certain conditions, should be possible;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 188**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 10**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

10. Recalls that any visitors must be accompanied while on Parliament's premises; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP's office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; **welcomes** the proposal to create an entry log for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time **and** purpose of the visit, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit;

###### *Amendment*

10. Recalls that any visitors must be accompanied while on Parliament's premises; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP's office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; **commits to implement** the proposal to create an entry log **compliant with data protection standards** for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time, purpose of the visit, **identification of the Members, Members' staff, groups' staff or administrative units they meet**, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit;

Or. en

### **Amendment 189**

**Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Rob Rooken, Nicola Procaccini**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 10**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

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accompanied while on Parliament's premises; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP's office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; welcomes the proposal to create an entry log for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time and purpose of the visit, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit;

accompanied while on Parliament's premises; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP's office **responsible for previous violations in this respect** from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; welcomes the proposal to create an entry log for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time and purpose of the visit, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 190**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

10. Recalls that any visitors must be accompanied while on Parliament's premises; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP's office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; welcomes the proposal to create an entry log for all **persons** aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time and purpose of the visit, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit;

##### *Amendment*

10. Recalls that any visitors must be accompanied while on Parliament's premises **other than dedicated visitors' areas**; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP's office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; welcomes the proposal to create an entry log for all **visitors** aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time and purpose of the visit **when relevant**, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit;

Or. en

**Amendment 191**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10 a. Calls for a thorough evaluation of the issuance of family access cards, calls for a review of the criteria for issuance on the basis of relevant documents, calls for family access card holders over the age of 18 to be subject to the Entry Log process;***

Or. en

**Amendment 192**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

11. Welcomes the reform of the access rules for former MEPs and former staff, in particular the announcement of a new daily access badge to replace the current badges; insists that former MEPs and former staff should no longer have the right to grant entry to anyone else;

11. Welcomes the reform of the access rules for former MEPs and former staff, in particular the announcement of a new daily access badge to replace the current badges; ***expects an immediate review of rule 123 of its rules of procedure, followed by a change also of article 6 of its Code of Conduct*** insists that former MEPs and former staff should no longer have the right to grant entry to anyone else;

Or. en

**Amendment 193**

**Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Iskra Mihaylova**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Welcomes the reform of the access rules for former MEPs and former staff, in particular the announcement of a new daily access badge to replace the current badges; insists that former MEPs and former staff should no longer have the right to grant entry to anyone else;

*Amendment*

11. Welcomes the reform of the access rules for former MEPs and former staff, in particular the announcement of a new daily access badge to replace the current badges; insists that former MEPs and former staff should no longer have the right to grant entry to anyone else; ***invites the EP to consider removing the access badge granted to former staff;***

Or. en

**Amendment 194**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Welcomes the reform of the access rules for former MEPs and former staff, in particular the announcement of a new daily access badge to replace the current badges; ***insists*** that former MEPs ***and former staff*** should ***no longer*** have the right to grant entry to ***anyone else***;

*Amendment*

11. Welcomes the reform of the access rules for former MEPs and former staff, in particular the announcement of a new daily access badge to replace the current badges; ***considers*** that former MEPs should have the right to grant entry to ***one person for the sole purpose of accompanying them;***

Or. en

**Amendment 195**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Welcomes the reform of the access rules for former MEPs and former staff, in particular the announcement of a new daily access badge to replace the current badges;

*Amendment*

11. Welcomes the reform of the access rules for former MEPs and former staff, in particular the announcement of a new daily access badge to replace the current badges;

insists that former MEPs *and former staff* should no longer have the right to grant entry to anyone else;

insists that former MEPs should no longer have the right to grant entry to anyone else;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 196**

**Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Notes that *the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’* more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage;

##### *Amendment*

12. Notes that *a number of ‘revolving door’ cases have taken place that have involved senior institution officials, former commissioners and MEPs; believes that this phenomenon poses a clear risk to the integrity and reputation of the institutions and must be tackled* more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage; *calls for the cooling-off period established for former MEPs to come with a transitional allowance and not to be limited to six months, taking into account, among other matters, that Parliament’s legislative activities are limited in the six months immediately following the elections;*

Or. it

#### **Amendment 197 Clare Daly**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent

##### *Amendment*

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent

conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage;

conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage; ***stresses the necessity of harmonising cooling-off periods between the institutions, by taking the example of the most stringent rules; underlines that the Code of Conduct of the Commission provides a two-year cooling-off period while the Parliament is currently implementing a six-month period;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 198**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage;

##### *Amendment*

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage; ***calls on former politicians now working for foreign companies which are linked the regimes of high risk countries, to resign; urges a ban on the practice of elite capture and revolving doors;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 199**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage;

##### *Amendment*

12. ***Notes that foreign and other illegitimate influence has taken the form of offering well paid positions to former Members, representatives of Member States and high ranking EU officials;***

notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 200**

**Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Anna Júlia Donáth**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 12**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage;

###### *Amendment*

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage; ***calls for the issue of elite capture to be addressed in the Commission's annual Rule of Law reports;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 201**

**Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzì, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 12 a (new)**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

***12a. emphasises that Members should not hold positions or have other occupations, whether paid or unpaid, that could constitute a conflict of interests with their parliamentary mandate; considers that second jobs are one of the situations most likely to lead to conflicts of interest; calls for more stringent rules in that respect and for effective monitoring of their implementation; believes that MEPs' declarations of financial interests should be more detailed to make it possible for***



*the public to scrutinise how their representatives work and to shed light more easily on potential conflicts of interest;*

Or. it

## Amendment 202

Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 13

##### *Motion for a resolution*

13. ***Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs' intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;***

##### *Amendment*

13. ***Insists to urgently and immediately set up - at the latest before the summer recess 2023 - an Ethics Body with a mandate to scrutinise the EU institutions and agencies, with the necessary financial means and staff to fully carry out its tasks, before the end of the parliamentary term; considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs' intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold the European Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; Considers the introduction a "cooling-off period" for MEPs at the end of their respective mandates essential and believes that the period should be set at 24 months, when taking up lobbying activities and for the duration of the transitional allowance when taking up new employment; regrets in this regard the decision taken by the EP Bureau on 13 March 2023 limiting the cooling-off period for former members to only 6 months; highlights that the decision was not taken in a consensual manner; expects that the review of art. 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members will be***

*conducted with a more ambitious approach by indicating a longer cooling-off period limitation than just 6 months;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 203**

**Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Anna Júlia Donáth, Nathalie Loiseau**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 13**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs' intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs **and** stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

##### *Amendment*

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs' intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs ***to prevent them from providing their services to governments, dependent entities or companies in strategic sectors of countries considered at risk and from using the knowledge acquired during their time as public officials against the interests of the Union and the public interest, and even operating concomitantly in global operations of influence or interference;*** stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

Or. en

### **Amendment 204**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. ***Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs' intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term;*** calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

*Amendment*

13. Calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

Or. fr

**Amendment 205**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Benoît Lutgen, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs' intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian,

*Amendment*

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; ***recalls that any such body must respect the separation of power between the institutions and will not in any capacity replace police, prosecutors and judges;*** considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis ***and be recommendatory in nature,*** of MEPs' intentions to work for any non-

non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

Or. en

## **Amendment 206**

**Clare Daly**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 13**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs' intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; ***calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term;*** restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

##### *Amendment*

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs' intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

Or. en

## Amendment 207

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 13

##### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs' intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government ***after the end of their term***; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a ***six-month*** cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

##### *Amendment*

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs' ***and former MEPs'*** intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a ***six to twenty-four months*** cooling-off period for MEPs ***as long as they are entitled to receive the transitional allowance*** and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period ***and commits to start the procedure to amend the Statute for Members with this aim***;

Or. en

## Amendment 208

Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Iskra Mihaylova, Bart Groothuis, Vladimír Bilčík

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 13

##### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case

##### *Amendment*

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case

basis, of MEPs' intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

basis, of MEPs' intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period; ***considers that compliance to this cooling-off period should be monitored by the aforementioned EU ethics body once it is established;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 209**

**Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body's mandate should include scrutiny, ***on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs' intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this***

##### *Amendment*

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body's mandate should include ***close scrutiny of existing or potential conflicts of interest, including MEPs' intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament's values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; stresses that former MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during the cooling-off period following the end of their term;***

*period;*

Or. it

**Amendment 210**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13 a. Considers that the Statute of Members of the European Parliament, 20 years after its last amendment, should be subject to legislative revision, with particular regard to the issues of side-jobs and cooling-off periods;***

Or. en

**Amendment 211**

**Sunčana Glavak**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13 a. Calls on the European Parliament to establish a mechanism to protect whistle-blowers who report corruption, fraud, or other wrongdoing within the institution;***

Or. en

**Amendment 212**

**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 13 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**13 b. Believes that, until the Ethics Body takes on its formal role, it is imperative to reform, upgrade and strengthen the Parliament's Advisory Committee on the Code of Conduct for Members to ensure a more effective and transparent system of stricter sanctions against Members and former Members working for outside interests, if MEPs were found not complying with ethics, rules and obligations; expects a change to Art. 7 and 8 of the Code of Conduct for members;**

Or. en

**Amendment 213**  
**Sunčana Glavak**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**13 b. Calls for strengthening of the role of the Ombudsman who should be given greater powers to investigate complaints of irregularities within the European parliament, including allegations of corruption and fraud;**

Or. en

**Amendment 214**  
**Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**13 c. Suggests introducing the practice of referring systematic or severe failures**



*to comply with disclosure obligations, within the deadline, to the Advisory Committee; suggests that the Advisory Committee could also have a proactive role in signalling to the President other problematic situations, for instance by having own-initiative powers to conduct internal investigations; believes the Advisory Committee should be able directly to deal with complaints files by individuals (or if learning of potential breaches from other sources, e.g. media) and not act solely on the request of the EP President;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 215**

**Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

14. Recommends that **European** agencies proactively monitor the professional activities of their **senior** staff members in order to strengthen their internal procedures and controls concerning potential revolving-door situations, in line with the European Court of Auditors' 2021 recommendations<sup>9</sup>;

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<sup>9</sup> As set out in the report of 27 October 2022 entitled 'Annual report on EU agencies for the financial year 2021'.

##### *Amendment*

14. Recommends that **EU institutions and agencies and other EU bodies** proactively monitor the professional activities of their staff members in order to strengthen their internal procedures and controls concerning potential revolving-door situations, in line with the European Court of Auditors' 2021 recommendations<sup>9</sup>;

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<sup>9</sup> As set out in the report of 27 October 2022 entitled 'Annual report on EU agencies for the financial year 2021'.

Or. it

#### **Amendment 216**

**Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**15 a. Highlights the need to increase investment in the IT infrastructure of the European Parliament; including hiring top-level IT specialists; considers such efforts to be necessary to ensure the independence of the EP;**

Or. en

**Amendment 217**

**Aurélia Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Balázs Hidvéghi, Jean-Paul Garraud**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

16. Urges more action to ensure that Parliament's name is not misused by external actors to create a false image of legitimacy;

16. Urges more action to ensure that Parliament's name is not misused by external actors to create a false image of legitimacy; ***affirms that the support and promotion of Islamist organisations by the Parliament and other European institutions –including through conferences and communication campaigns – undermines their legitimacy, their reputation and the European way of life;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 218**

**Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Iskra Mihaylova, Vladimír Bilčík**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

16. Urges more action to ensure that Parliament's name is not misused by external actors to create a false image of legitimacy;

16. Urges more action to ensure that Parliament's name is not misused by external actors to create a false image of legitimacy, *as it already happened in the past with the fake EU magazine « EP Today »*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 219**

**Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Anna Júlia Donáth, Nathalie Loiseau**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*16 a. Calls for the establishment and application of objective criteria to define countries at risk for the purpose of conducting foreign interference operations and that, as part of these criteria, the following be assessed: (a) a programme of intellectual property theft directed against the Union and its Member States, (b) legislation compelling national non-state actors to engage in intelligence activities, (c) a systematic violation of human rights, (d) a revisionist policy of the existing international legal order, (e) the application of an authoritarian ideology extraterritorially, (f) the detection of interference activities or conflicts of interest in the European Institutions; calls for special monitoring by the EU Transparency Register of registered interest representatives from countries considered to be at risk on the basis of these objective criteria;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 220**

**Sunčana Glavak**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16 a.** *Notes that it is extremely important that only media with transparent ownership and proven adherence to the highest professional standards in journalism have access to reporting from the European Parliament and following plenary sessions to ensure that citizens have access to accurate and unbiased information about political processes and decisions*

Or. en

**Amendment 221**

**Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Iskra Mihaylova**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16 a.** *Calls for the reform of the rules that obliges MEPs to use the European Parliament's logo when they organize an event inside the EP premises as the EP exercises no control on the content of such events and may unintentionally give some legitimacy to dubious statements or guests;*

Or. en