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AMENDMENTS

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2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Council and Council
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Amendment 1
Csaba Molnár, Maria Grapini, Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Reaffirms its deep frustration regarding the Council's attitude towards the discharge procedure, which conveys an inappropriate message to Union citizens at a time when greater transparency is essential; underlines that the Council must adhere to the same standards of accountability it expects from other Union institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Csaba Molnár, Maria Grapini, Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 b. Emphasizes that all other Union institutions acknowledge and comprehend the principle that, given the delegation of power concerning budget implementation, Parliament holds both the right and the obligation to scrutinize their budgets and their execution as part of the discharge procedure; in light of this, expresses its strong disapproval that the Council persists in its refusal to cooperate with Parliament in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Regrets that the Council did not prepare to avoid a Council Presidency led by a Member State subject to an Article 7 procedure, with the consequence that the Council Presidency is being abused by the Hungarian government, and the principle of sincere cooperation violated;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Csaba Molnár, Maria Grapini, Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Stresses that Parliament's observations concerning political priorities, budgetary and financial management, internal management, performance and internal control, human resources, equality **and** well-being, ethical framework and transparency, digitalisation, cybersecurity and data protection, buildings, environment and sustainability, interinstitutional cooperation and communication from its discharge resolution of 23 April 2024 are still valid.

12. Stresses that Parliament's observations concerning political priorities - **included the lack of binding guidelines regarding corporate sponsorships of the rotating Council presidencies** -, budgetary and financial management, internal management, performance and internal control, human resources, equality - **such as gender imbalance - and staff** well-being, ethical framework and transparency, digitalisation, cybersecurity and data protection, buildings, environment and sustainability, interinstitutional cooperation and communication from its discharge resolution of 23 April 2024 are still valid.

Or. en

Amendment 5
Csaba Molnár, Maria Grapini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

12 a. Reiterates that the use of the unanimity voting procedure in the Council on certain policy areas is paralysing the Union's decision-making process and therefore making it prone to blackmailing by Member States, especially those who fail to respect the rule of law; calls on the Council to apply the qualified majority voting procedures whenever possible and consider the review of the Treaties regulating the voting procedures; believes that the generalised shift to a qualified majority voting procedure in the Council is a crucial step towards more efficient policy-making.

Or. en