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Committee on Budgets

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 314 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Article 106a of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,
- having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 44 thereof,
- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2023, as definitively adopted on 23 November 2022²,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021-2027³,
- having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources⁴,
- having regard to Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 of 14 December 2020 on the system of own resources of the European Union and repealing Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom⁵,
- having regard to Draft amending budget No 1/2023, which the Commission adopted on 16 March 2023 (COM(2023)150),
- having regard to the position on Draft amending budget No 1/2023 which the Council adopted on ...2023 and forwarded to Parliament on ... 2023 (00000/2023 –

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 58, 23.2.2023, p. 1.

³ OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 11.

⁴ OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

⁵ OJ L 424, 15.12.2020, p. 1.

C9-0000/2023),

- having regard to Rules 94 and 96 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A9-0000/2023).
- A. whereas Draft amending budget No 1/2023 is principally designed to introduce the necessary technical changes to the 2023 budget stemming from the political agreements reached on several legislative proposals, in particular with respect to REPowerEU, the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and the Union Secure Connectivity programme;
- B. whereas Draft amending budget No 1/2023 also entails adjustments to the Union contribution or staff numbers of various agencies to take account of changes in their mandates and to the establishment plan of the Health and Digital Executive Agency and an increase in the level of appropriations of the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) to finance legal fees following an increase of litigation cases relating to the application of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR);
- C. whereas the overall net impact of Draft amending budget No 1/2023 on expenditure amounts to an increase of EUR 52,6 million in commitment appropriations and whereas no additional payment appropriations are requested;
1. Takes note of Draft amending budget No 1/2023 as submitted by the Commission;
 2. Reiterates that, to better respect the prerogatives of the budgetary authority, the Commission should present draft amending budgets for one purpose only and refrain from combining several objectives in a single draft amending budget;
 3. Recalls that the Commission should provide detailed information on the various changes proposed, such as the legislative financial statements, in order to allow the budgetary authority to properly assess the budgetary changes;
 4. Welcomes the fact that Draft amending budget No 1/2023 reflects the revised legislative financial statement resulting from the decision of the legislator for a more centralised governance model for CBAM; considers that such a model constitutes a clear example of European added value and acknowledges that it requires a certain level of additional human and budgetary resources; points out that the corresponding appropriations consume parts of the already very scarce remaining unallocated margin under heading 3, which puts the budget lines under that heading in competition and at a disadvantage;
 5. Takes note of the Commission's unilateral statement on the financing of human resources for CBAM, according to which the Commission will require additional resources; recalls that the Union institutions should be properly staffed and adequately resourced to allow them to perform their tasks and that the set-up chosen by the legislator is likely to be cheaper overall for Member States than the decentralised model proposed by the Commission; welcomes the fact that the common Union interest of ensuring adequate staffing and resources was accepted by the co-legislators;
 6. Stresses the importance of ensuring the correct and consistent application of the GDPR and welcomes therefore the proposal to increase appropriations for the EDPS;

7. Approves the Council position on Draft amending budget No 1/2023;
8. Instructs its President to declare that Amending budget No 1/2023 has been definitively adopted and arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.