Adjusting with the effect from 1 July 2012 the remuneration and pensions of the officials and other servants of the European Union and the correction coefficients applied thereto

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The European Parliament adopted by 479 votes to 164, with 25 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council adjusting with the effect from 1 July 2012 the remuneration and pensions of the officials and other servants of the European Union and the correction coefficients applied thereto.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure. The amendments adopted in plenary are the result of a compromise reached between the European Parliament and the Council. They amended the proposal as follows:

Remuneration adjustments: it is recalled that the Court of Justice confirmed that, under the exception clause, the European Parliament and the Council have a wide margin of discretion as regards the adjustment of remuneration and pensions. Economic and social data for the period from 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2012, such as the aftermath of the economic downturn in autumn 2011 resulting in economic recession in the Union and a deteriorating social situation, as well as the continuing high levels of unemployment and of public deficit and debt in the Union, make it appropriate to set the adjustment of remuneration and pensions in Belgium and Luxembourg to **0.8% for 2012**.

That adjustment is part of a global approach to settle the disputes regarding the 2011 and 2012 adjustments of remuneration and pensions, which also involves an adjustment of 0 % for 2011.

Impact of the global approach for the 2010- 2014 period: the text stated that consequently, during a period of five years (2010-2014), the adjustment of remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Union should be as follows:

- **in 2010**, the application of the method laid down in Article 3 of Annex XI to the Staff Regulations resulted in an adjustment of 0.1%;
- **for 2011 and 2012**, the result of the global approach to settle the disputes regarding the 2011 and 2012 adjustments of remuneration and pensions leads to an adjustment of 0% and **0.8%,** respectively;
- **2013 to 2014**, furthermore, as part of the political compromise on the reform of the Staff Regulations and of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants, it was decided to **freeze remuneration and pensions** for these years.

Technical modifications adjusting salaries: a series of technical amendments have been made to the text including the amount of allowances, emoluments and reimbursements due to officials and other servants of the Union covered by the measure, to take account of the global approach defined above.