2016 general budget: all sections

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The European Parliament delegation to the Conciliation Committee adopted the report by José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP, PT) (Section III – Commission) and Gérard DEPREZ (ALDE, BE) (other sections) on the joint text on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016 approved by the Conciliation Committee under the budgetary procedure.

In general, members approved the joint text agreed by the Conciliation Committee, which consisted of the following documents:

- list of budget lines not modified, compared to the draft budget or the Council's position;
- summary figures by financial framework headings;
- line by line figures on all budget items;
- consolidated document showing the figures and final text of all lines modified during the conciliation.

Members confirmed the joint statements by Parliament, the Council and the Commission annexed to this draft resolution.

Joint conclusions: these cover the following sections:

1. Budget 2016;
2. Budget 2015 and Amending Budget 8/2015;
3. Joint statements.

Budget 2016: according to the elements for joint conclusions:

- the overall level of commitment appropriations in the 2016 budget is set at EUR 155 004.2 million, leaving a margin below the MFF ceilings for 2016 of EUR 2 331.4 million in commitment appropriations;
- the overall level of payment appropriations in the 2016 budget is set at EUR 143 885.3 million;
- the Flexibility Instrument for 2016 is mobilised for an amount of EUR 1 506.0 million in commitment appropriations for heading 3 Security and Citizenship and for an amount of EUR 24.0 million in commitment appropriations for heading 4 Global Europe;
- the 2016 payment appropriations related to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument in 2014, 2015 and 2016 are estimated by the Commission at EUR 832.8 million.

Budget 2015: Draft Amending Budget 8/2015 is accepted as proposed by the Commission.

It should be noted that the annex to the draft resolution shows details of the figures and final text of all lines modified during the conciliation (including in terms of human resources within the European institutions).

A joint statement was made on the issue of payments in which it is stated that the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission will, throughout the year, actively monitor the state of implementation of the 2016 budget.