

DECISION (EU) 2017/1604 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**of 27 April 2017****on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015, Section II — European Council and Council**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2015 (COM(2016)475 — C8-0271/2016) ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report on the implementation of the budget concerning the financial year 2015, together with the institutions' replies ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to the statement of assurance ⁽⁴⁾ as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2015, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Article 314(10) and Articles 317, 318 and 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Articles 55, 99, 164, 165 and 166 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A8-0131/2017),
1. Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the Council discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Council and of the Council for the financial year 2015;
 2. Sets out its observations in the resolution below;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution forming an integral part of it to the European Council, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice of the European Union, the Court of Auditors, the European Ombudsman, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the European External Action Service, and to arrange for their publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

The President
Antonio TAJANI

The Secretary-General
Klaus WELLE

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 69, 13.3.2015.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 380, 14.10.2016, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 375, 13.10.2016, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 380, 14.10.2016, p. 147.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.