

Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

amending the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 336 thereof,

Having regard to the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission, submitted following consultation with the Staff Regulations Committee,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national Parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the Court of Justice,

Having regard to the opinion of the Court of Auditors,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union, and its more than 50 institutions and agencies, should continue to be equipped with a high-quality European public administration, so as to enable it to achieve its objectives, implement its policies and activities and perform its tasks to the highest possible standard in accordance with the Treaties to meet the challenges, both internal and external, that it will face in the future and to serve the citizens of the Union.
- (2) Consequently, it is necessary to ensure a framework for attracting, recruiting and maintaining highly qualified and multilingual staff, drawn on the widest possible geographical basis from among citizens of the Member States, and with due regard to gender balance, who are independent and adhere to the highest professional standards, and to enable such staff to carry out their duties as effectively and efficiently as possible. In that respect, it is necessary to overcome the current difficulties experienced by the institutions in recruiting officials or staff from certain Member States.
- (2a) Given the size of the European civil service when measured against the objectives of the Union and its population, a decrease in the number of staff of the institutions and agencies of the Union should not lead to any impairment of the performance

of their tasks, duties and functions in accordance with the obligations and powers under the Treaties. In this regard, there is a need for transparency of the personnel costs incurred by each institution and agency with respect to all categories of staff employed by them.

- (2b) The European civil service is expected to live up to the highest standards of professional ethics and to remain independent at all times. To this end, Title II of the Staff Regulations, which provides a framework for rights and obligations, should be further clarified. Any failure by officials or former officials to comply with these obligations should make them liable to disciplinary action.
- (2c) The value of the European civil service lies equally in its cultural and linguistic diversity, which can only be ensured if appropriate balance regarding officials' nationality is secured. Recruitment and appointments should ensure that staff are employed on the broadest geographical basis from among the nationals of all Member States of the European Union without, however, posts being reserved for nationals of any specific Member State. To that end and in order to address significant imbalance between nationalities among officials which is not justified by objective criteria each institution should be given the possibility to adopt justified and appropriate measures. Such measures should never result in recruitment criteria other than those based on merit. The Commission should report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of the appropriate measures by the institutions.
- (2d) In order to facilitate recruitment on the broadest geographical basis, the institutions should strive to support multilingual and multicultural education for the children of their staff. It is desirable that a contribution of the Union to the financing of the European schools, determined by the budgetary authority in accordance with the relevant rules, be charged to the budget of the Union. Where required for the interest of the institutions' service, the Commission should be able to ask the responsible authorities to reconsider the location of a new European school.
- (3) A broader aim should be to optimise the management of human resources in a European civil service characterised by its excellence, competence, independence, loyalty, impartiality and stability, as well as by cultural and linguistic diversity and attractive recruitment conditions.
- (3a) Officials should serve a nine-month probationary period. When deciding on the establishment of an official, the appointing authority should take into account the report on the probationary period made at the end of that period and the probationer's conduct with respect to his obligations under the Staff Regulations. It should be possible for a report on the probationer to be made at any time if the work of the probationer has proved obviously inadequate. Otherwise a report should only be made at the end of the probationary period.
- (4) In the interest of guaranteeing that the purchasing power of officials and other servants of the European Union develops in parallel with that of national civil servants in central governments of the Member States, it is essential to preserve the principle of a multi-annual mechanism for pay update, known as 'the method', by ensuring its application until the end of 2023 with a review at the beginning of 2022, while including a mechanism for the provisional prolongation of the method. Moreover, in order to remedy the difficulties with the application of the method in

the past, provision should be made for a method to allow for an annual update of all salaries, pensions and allowances in an automatic manner, including an automatic crisis clause. To this effect, the relevant amounts contained in the Staff Regulations and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union should be understood as reference amounts which will be subject to a regular and automatic update. Those updated amounts should be published by the Commission in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union* for information purposes. This update mechanism should equally be used for all other instances where such an update is provided for.

- (5) It is important to ensure the quality of statistical data used for updating remuneration and pensions. In accordance with the principle of impartiality, national statistical institutes or other appropriate authorities in the Member States should collect the data at national level and transmit them to Eurostat.
- (6) The potential advantages for officials and other servants of the European Union of the application of the method should be balanced by the reintroduction of the system of a 'levy'. As in the case of the method, the application of the solidarity levy may be provisionally prolonged. It seems appropriate in the present circumstances to increase the solidarity levy, as compared with the level of the special levy applicable from 2004 to 2012, and to provide for a more progressive rate. This is to take account of the particularly difficult economic and social context in the Union, and its ramifications for public finances throughout the Union. The need to consolidate public finances in the Union, including in the short term, requires a swift and particular effort of solidarity on the part of the staff of EU institutions. Such a solidarity levy should thus apply to all officials and other servants of the Union as from 1 January 2014.
- (6a) In its conclusions of 8 February 2013 on the multiannual financial framework, the European Council pointed out that the need to consolidate public finances in the short, medium and long term requires a particular effort by every public administration and its staff to improve efficiency, effectiveness and adjust to the changing economic context. That call reiterated in fact the objective of the 2011 Commission's proposal amending the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, which strived to ensure cost-efficiency and acknowledged that challenges currently faced by the European Union require a particular effort by each and every public administration and each and every member of its staff to improve efficiency and to adjust to the changing economic and social context in Europe. The European Council called moreover, as part of the reform of the Staff Regulations, for the adjustment of salaries and pensions of all staff of the EU institutions through the salary method to be suspended for two years and for the new solidarity level to be reintroduced as part of the reform of the salary method.
- (6b) In view of those conclusions and in order to respond to the future budgetary constraints as well as to show solidarity of the European civil service with the severe measures taken by Member States as a result of the unprecedented financial crisis and the particularly difficult social and economic context in the Member States and the Union as a whole, it is necessary to provide for the suspension of the method for two years for all remuneration, pensions and allowances of officials and to apply the solidarity levy despite such suspension.

- (7) Demographic changes and the changing age structure of the population concerned require that the pension age be increased, subject however to transitional measures for officials and other servants of the European Union already in service. These transitional measures are necessary to respect acquired rights of officials already in service who have contributed to the notional pension fund for European Union officials. The pension age should also be made more flexible by making it easier for staff to continue to work voluntarily until the age of 67 and by making it possible, in exceptional circumstances and under specific conditions, to work until the age of 70.
- (8) Since the European Union pension scheme is in actuarial balance and this balance has to be maintained in the short and in the long term, staff employed before 1 January 2014 should be compensated for their pension contribution by transitional measures, such as an adjusted accrual rate for the years of service after reaching pensionable age (Barcelona incentive) and by applying half of the reduction for early retirement between the age of 60 and the statutory retirement age.
- (9) The commonly accepted actuarial practice requires that a period of past observations between 20 and 40 years be used for interest rates and salary growth with a view to ensuring the balance of pension schemes. The moving averages for interest rates and salary growth should therefore be extended to 30 years with a transitional period of 8 years.
- (10) The Council requested from the Commission a study and the submission of appropriate proposals on Article 5(4), Annex I.A and Article 45(1) of the Staff Regulations with a view to establishing a clear link between responsibilities and grade and in order to ensure a greater emphasis on the level of responsibility when comparing merits in the context of promotion.
- (11) Taking this request into account, it is appropriate that promotion to a higher grade should be made conditional on personal dedication, improving skills and competences, and performing duties whose importance justifies the official's appointment to that higher grade.
- (12) The career stream in the AD and AST function groups should be restructured in such a way that the top grades will be reserved for a limited number of officials exercising the highest level of responsibilities. Therefore administrators can only progress as far as grade AD 12 unless they are appointed to a specific post above that grade, and grades AD 13 and 14 should be reserved for those staff whose roles entail significant responsibilities. Similarly, officials in grade AST 9 can be promoted to grade AST 10 only in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4 and Article 29 paragraph 1 of the Staff Regulations.
- (13) With a view to adjusting career structures in the current domains of AST staff even further to different levels of responsibility and as an indispensable contribution to limiting administrative expenses, a new function group 'AST/SC' for secretarial and clerical staff should be introduced. Salaries and promotion rates should establish a suitable correspondence between the level of responsibility and the level of remuneration. In this way it will be possible to preserve a stable and comprehensive European civil service. The Commission should assess and report on the scale and effects of introducing this new function group, taking particular

account of the situation of women, so that the preservation of a stable and comprehensive European civil service can be ensured.

- (13a) The minimum of two years in the grade before promotion of an official to the next higher grade is maintained in order to allow for faster promotions for high performers. Each institution should ensure that its internal human resources policies use the possibilities provided in the Staff Regulations to allow for appropriate careers of high potential and high performing officials.
- (14) Working hours applied in the institutions should be aligned with those in force in certain of the Member States of the European Union to compensate for the reduction of staff in the institutions. This alignment should take into account the working hours applied in the civil services of Member States. The introduction of a minimum number of weekly working hours will ensure that the staff employed by the institutions is able to carry out the work-load resulting from the European Union's policy objectives while, at the same time, harmonising working conditions in the institutions, in the interest of solidarity throughout the European Union's civil service.
- (15) Flexible working-time arrangements are an essential element of a modern and efficient public administration allowing for family-friendly working conditions and enabling a suitable gender balance within the institutions. It is therefore necessary to introduce an explicit reference to these arrangements in the Staff Regulations.
- (16) The rules on annual travelling time and annual payment of travel expense between the place of employment and the place of origin should be modernised, rationalised and linked with expatriate status in order to make their application simpler and more transparent. In particular, the annual travelling time should be replaced by home leave and limited to a maximum of two and a half days.
- (17) Likewise, the rules on the reimbursement of removal costs should be simplified in order to facilitate their application both for the administration and the staff members concerned. To this end, cost ceilings which take account of the official's or agent's family situation and of the average cost of removal and associated insurance should be introduced.
- (18) Some staff members must frequently go on mission to the other principal places of work of their institution. These situations are at present not adequately taken into account in the rules on missions. These rules should therefore be adapted, in order to allow in such cases the reimbursement of accommodation costs on the basis of a flat-rate sum.
- (18a) It is appropriate to modernise working conditions for staff employed in third countries and to render them more cost-effective while generating cost savings, annual leave entitlements should be adjusted, and a possibility to include a wider range of parameters to fix the allowance for living conditions should be provided without effecting the overall aim of generating cost savings. The conditions of granting the accommodation allowance should be revised to take better account of local conditions and to diminish administrative burden.
- (19) It is appropriate to provide a more flexible framework for the employment of contract staff. The institutions of the European Union should therefore be enabled to engage contract staff for a maximum period of six years in order to perform

tasks under the supervision of officials or temporary staff. In addition, while the vast majority of officials will continue to be recruited on the basis of open competitions, the institutions should be authorised to organise internal competitions which may exceptionally and subject to specific conditions be open to contract staff.

- (20) Transitional arrangements should be provided to enable the new rules and measures to be applied gradually, whilst respecting the acquired rights and legitimate expectations of the staff employed before the entry into force of these amendments to the Staff Regulations.
- (20a) In common with other staff coming under the Staff Regulations, the staff of agencies are covered by the EU pension scheme. Agencies which are fully auto-financed currently pay the employers' contribution to the scheme. In order to ensure budgetary transparency and a more balanced burden sharing, agencies which are partially financed from the general budget of the European Union should pay the part of the employers' contributions which corresponds to the proportion between the agency's revenues without the subsidy from the general budget of the European Union and its total revenues. As this new provision may require the adjustment of the relevant rules on the fees collected by the agencies, it should only apply as of 1 January 2016. Where appropriate, the Commission should submit proposals for the adaptation of these rules.
- (21) In the interest of simplification and of a consistent staff policy, the rules adopted by the Commission to implement the Staff Regulations should apply by analogy to the agencies. However, in order to ensure that the specific situation of agencies may, if necessary, be taken into account, agencies should be entitled to request the Commission's authorisation to adopt implementing rules which derogate from those adopted by the Commission, or not to apply the Commission's rules at all.
- (22) A register of all of the rules adopted to give effect to the Staff Regulations should be set up and administered within the Court of Justice of the European Union. This register, which can be consulted by all institutions, agencies and Member States, will allow for transparency and promote a consistent application of the Staff Regulations.
- (23) In order to harmonise and clarify the rules on the adoption of implementing provisions and having regard to their internal and administrative nature, it is appropriate to confer the relevant decision-making powers on the appointing authority and the authority authorised to conclude contracts.
- (24) Taking into account the high number of temporary staff within agencies and the need to define a consistent staff policy, it is necessary to create a new category of temporary staff and to lay down specific rules for this category.
- (24a) The Commission should continue to monitor the budgetary situation of the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme and take all necessary steps in case of a structural imbalance of the system.
- (24b) Article 15 of the Protocol n° 7 on Privileges and Immunities of the European Union provides that certain data of officials and other servants are to be communicated to the governments of the Member States.

- (25) In order to achieve the objectives set out in the Staff Regulations, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission notably in respect of certain aspects of working conditions.
- (26) The Commission, when preparing and drawing-up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and Council,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union shall be amended as follows:

1. Article 1d shall be amended as follows:

(a) In paragraph (3), the word ‘institutions’ shall be replaced by ‘appointing authorities of the institutions’;

(b) Paragraph 4 shall be replaced by the following:

'4. For the purposes of paragraph 1, a person has a disability if he has a long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder his full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. The impairment shall be determined according to the procedure set out in Article 33.

A person with a disability meets the conditions laid down in Article 28(e) if he can perform the essential functions of the job when reasonable accommodation is made.

‘Reasonable accommodation’, in relation to the essential functions of the job, shall mean appropriate measures, where needed, to enable a person with a disability to have access to, participate in, or advance in employment, or to undergo training, unless such measures would impose a disproportionate burden on the employer.

The principle of equal treatment shall not prevent the appointing authorities of the institutions from maintaining or adopting measures providing for specific advantages in order to make it easier for persons with disabilities to pursue a vocational activity or in order to prevent or compensate for disadvantages in their professional careers.’;

1a. In Article 1e, paragraph 1 shall be replaced by the following:

'1. Officials in active employment shall have access to measures of a social nature, including specific measures to reconcile working life with family life, adopted by the institutions and to services provided by the social welfare bodies referred to in Article 9. Former officials may have access to limited specific measures of a social nature.’;

2. Article 5 shall be amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph 1 and 2 shall be replaced by the following:

'1. The posts covered by the Staff Regulations shall be classified, according to the nature and importance of the duties to which they relate, in an administrators' function group (hereinafter 'AD'), an assistants' function group (hereinafter 'AST') and a secretaries and clerks' function group (hereinafter 'AST/SC').

2. Function group AD shall comprise twelve grades, corresponding to managerial, conceptual and analytical as well as to linguistic and scientific duties. Function group AST shall comprise eleven grades, corresponding to executive and technical duties. Function group AST/SC shall comprise six grades, corresponding to clerical and secretarial duties.';

(b) In point (a) of paragraph 3 the words 'and function group AST/SC' shall be inserted after the words 'in function group AST';

(c) Paragraph 4 shall be replaced by the following:

'4. A table showing types of posts is given in Annex I, Section A. By reference to this table, the appointing authority of each institution may define in more detail the duties and powers attaching to each type of post after consulting the Staff Regulations Committee.';

3. Article 6 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 6

1. The establishment plan appended to the section of the budget related to each institution shall indicate the number of posts in each grade and function group.

2. Without prejudice to the principle of promotion based on merit as laid down in Article 45, this plan shall ensure that for each institution, the number of vacant positions at every grade of the establishment plan on 1 January of each year corresponds to the number of officials in the lower grade in active employment on 1 January of the preceding year, multiplied by the rates laid down in Annex I, Section B, for that grade. These rates shall be applied on a five-year average basis as from 1 January 2014.

3. The rates laid down in Annex I, Section B, shall form part of the report referred to in Article 110c.

4. The implementation of the provisions concerning the function group AST/SC and of the transitional provisions laid down in Article 31 of Annex XIII, taking into account the evolution of the need for staff carrying out secretarial and clerical tasks in all institutions and the evolution of permanent and temporary posts in function groups AST and AST/SC shall form part of the report referred to in Article 110c.';

4. Article 9 shall be amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph 1 shall be replaced by the following:

'1. Without prejudice to paragraph 1a, there shall be set up within each institution:

– a Staff Committee, which may be organised in sections for the different places of employment;

- one or more Joint Committees, as appropriate for the number of officials at the places of employment;
- one or more Disciplinary Boards, as appropriate for the number of officials at the places of employment;
- one or more Joint Advisory Committees on professional incompetence, as appropriate for the number of officials at the places of employment;
- a Reports Committee, if required;
- an Invalidity Committee,

which shall perform the functions assigned to them by these Staff Regulations.';

(b) Paragraph 1a shall be replaced by the following:

'For the application of certain provisions of these Staff Regulations, a common Joint Committee may be established for two or more institutions. The other Committees referred to in paragraph 1 and the Disciplinary Board may be established as common bodies by two or more agencies.';

(c) In paragraph 2, the following subparagraph shall be inserted after the first subparagraph:

'The agencies may derogate from the provisions of Article 1 of Annex II regarding membership of Staff Committees to take into account the composition of their personnel. The agencies may decide not to appoint alternate members in the Joint Committee or Committees provided for in Article 2 of Annex II.';

5. In the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 10, the word 'institutions' shall be replaced by 'appointing authorities of the institutions';

5a. Article 11 shall be replaced by the following:

Article 11

An official shall carry out his duties and conduct himself solely with the interests of the Union in mind; he shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government, authority, organisation or person outside his institution. He shall carry out the duties assigned to him objectively, impartially and in keeping with his duty of loyalty to the Union.

An official shall not without the permission of the appointing authority accept from any government or from any other source outside the institution to which he belongs any honour, decoration, favour, gift or payment of any kind whatever, except for services rendered either before his appointment or during special leave for military or other national service and in respect of such service.

Before recruiting an official, the appointing authority shall examine whether the candidate has any personal interest such as to impair his independence or any other conflict of interest. To that end, the candidate shall inform the appointing authority using a specific form of any actual or potential conflict of interest. In such cases, the appointing authority shall take this into account in a duly reasoned opinion. If

necessary, the appointing authority shall take the measures referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 11a.

This Article shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to officials returning from leave on personal grounds.');

5b. Article 16 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 16

An official shall, after leaving the service, continue to be bound by the duty to behave with integrity and discretion as regards the acceptance of certain appointments or benefits.

Officials intending to engage in an occupational activity, whether gainful or not, within two years of leaving the service shall inform their institution thereof using a specific form. If that activity is related to the work carried out by the official during the last three years of service and could lead to a conflict with the legitimate interests of the institution, the appointing authority may, having regard to the interests of the service, either forbid him from undertaking it or give its approval subject to any conditions it thinks fit. The appointing authority shall, after consulting the Joint Committee, notify its decision within 30 working days of being so informed. If no such notification has been made by the end of that period, this shall be deemed to constitute implicit acceptance.

In the case of former senior officials as defined in implementing measures, the appointing authority shall, in principle, prohibit them, during the twelve months after leaving the service, from engaging in lobbying or advocacy vis-à-vis staff of their former institution for their business, clients or employers on matters for which they were responsible during the last three years in the service.

In compliance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data*, each institution shall publish annually information on the implementation of the preceding paragraph, including a list of the cases assessed.

* OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1.');

6. Article 18(1) shall be replaced by the following:

'1. All rights in any writings or other work done by any official in the performance of his duties shall be the property of the European Union where such writings or work relate to its activities or, where such writings or work relate to activities of the European Atomic Energy Community, the property of that Community. The Union or, where applicable, the European Atomic Energy Community shall have the right to acquire compulsorily the copyright in such works.');

6a. Article 19 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 19

An official shall not, without permission from the appointing authority, disclose on any grounds whatever, in any legal proceedings information of which he has knowledge by reason of his duties. Permission shall be refused only where the interests of the Union so require and such refusal would not entail criminal consequences as far as the official is concerned. An official shall continue to be bound by this obligation after leaving the service.

The provisions of the first paragraph shall not apply to an official or former official giving evidence before the Court of Justice of the European Union or before the Disciplinary Board of an institution on a matter concerning a servant or former servant of the European Union.';

6b. In Article 21a, the following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 2:

'2a. An official who informs his superiors of orders which he considered to be irregular or likely to give rise to serious difficulties shall not suffer any prejudice on this account.';

6c. The following article shall be inserted after Article 22b:

'Article 22c

In accordance with Articles 24 and 90, each institution shall put in place a procedure for the handling of complaints by officials concerning the way in which they were treated after or in consequence of the fulfilment by them of their obligations under Article 22a or 22b. The institution concerned shall ensure that such complaints are handled confidentially and, where warranted by the circumstances, before the expiry of the deadlines set out in Article 90.

The appointing authority of each institution shall lay down internal rules on inter alia:

- the provision to officials referred to in Article 22a(1) or Article 22b of information on the handling of the matters reported by them,
- the protection of the legitimate interests of these officials and of their privacy, and
- the procedure for the handling of complaints referred to in the first paragraph of this Article.';

7. In Article 26a, the word 'institutions' shall be replaced by 'appointing authorities of the institutions';

8. Article 27 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 27

Recruitment shall be directed to securing for the institution the services of officials of the highest standard of ability, efficiency and integrity, recruited on the broadest possible geographical basis from among nationals of Member States of the European Union. No posts shall be reserved for nationals of any specific Member State.

The principle of the equality of Union's citizens shall allow each institution to adopt appropriate measures following the observation of a significant imbalance between

nationalities among officials which is not justified by objective criteria. These appropriate measures must be justified and shall never result in recruitment criteria other than those based on merit. Before such appropriate measures are adopted, the appointing authority of the institution concerned shall adopt general provisions for giving effect to this paragraph in accordance with Article 110.

After a three-year period starting on 1 January 2014, the Commission shall report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of the preceding paragraph.

In order to facilitate recruitment on the broadest geographical basis, the institutions shall strive to support multilingual and multicultural education for the children of their staff.;

9. In Article 29, paragraph 1 shall be replaced by the following:

'1. Before filling a vacant post in an institution, the appointing authority shall first consider:

(a) whether the post can be filled by:

(i) transfer, or

(ii) appointment in accordance with Article 45a, or

(iii) promotion

within the institution;

(b) whether requests for transfer have been received from officials of the same grade in other institutions, and/or if it was not possible to fill the vacant post through the previously mentioned possibilities, whether to consider lists of suitable candidates within the meaning of Article 30, where appropriate, taking into account the relevant provisions concerning suitable candidates in Annex III and/or whether to hold a competition internal to the institution, which shall be open only to officials and temporary staff as defined in Article 2 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union;

or to follow the procedure for competitions on the basis either of qualifications or of tests, or of both qualifications and tests. Annex III lays down the competition procedure.

The procedure may likewise be followed for the purpose of constituting a reserve for future recruitment.

While maintaining the principle that the vast majority of officials shall be recruited on the basis of open competitions, the appointing authority may decide, by way of derogation from point (b) and only in exceptional cases, to hold a competition internal to the institution which shall also be open to contract staff as defined in Articles 3a and 3b of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union. This latter category of staff shall be subject to restrictions with regard to this possibility as defined in Article 82 paragraph 6a of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants and with regard to the specific tasks it was entitled to perform as contractual agents.;

- 9a. Article 30 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 30

For each competition, a selection board shall be appointed by the appointing authority. This board shall draw up a list of suitable candidates.

The appointing authority shall decide which of these candidates to appoint to the vacant posts.

These candidates shall have access to adequate information on appropriate vacancies published by the European institutions and agencies.';

10. The first sentence of Article 31(2) shall be replaced by the following:

'Without prejudice to Article 29(2), officials shall be recruited only at grades SC 1 to SC 2, AST 1 to AST 4 or AD 5 to AD 8.';

11. In the third paragraph of Article 32, the word 'institution' shall be replaced by 'appointing authority of each institution';

- 11a. Article 34 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 34

1. Officials shall serve a nine-month probationary period before they can be established. The decision to establish an official shall be taken on the basis of the report referred to in paragraph 3 as well as on the basis of elements at the disposal of the appointing authority relating to the probationer's conduct with regard to Title II.

Where, during his probationary period, an official is prevented, by sickness, maternity leave under Article 58, or accident, from performing his duties for a continuous period of at least one month, the appointing authority may extend his probationary period by the corresponding length of time. The total length of the probationary period shall in no circumstances exceed 15 months.

2. A report on the probationer may be made at any time before the end of the probationary period if his work is proving obviously inadequate.

This report shall be communicated to the person concerned, who shall have the right to submit his comments in writing within a period of eight working days. The report and the comments shall be transmitted immediately by the probationer's immediate superior to the appointing authority, which shall, within a period of three weeks, obtain the opinion of the Joint Reports Committee on the action to be taken. The appointing authority may decide to dismiss the probationer before the end of the probationary period, giving him one month's notice, or to assign the official to another department for the remaining time of the probationary period.

3. One month at the latest before the expiry of the probationary period, a report shall be made on the ability of the probationer to perform the duties pertaining to his post and also on his efficiency and conduct in the service. This report shall be communicated to the probationer, who shall have the right to submit his comments in writing within a period of eight working days.

Should it recommend dismissal or, in exceptional circumstances, extension of the probationary period in accordance with paragraph 1, the report and the comments

shall be transmitted immediately by the probationer's immediate superior to the appointing authority, which shall, within a period of three weeks, consult the Joint Reports Committee on the action to be taken.

A probationer whose work or conduct has not proved adequate for establishment in his post shall be dismissed.

4. Except where he is in a position forthwith to resume employment elsewhere, a dismissed probationer shall receive compensation equal to three months' basic salary if he has completed more than one year's service, two months' basic salary if he has completed at least six months' service and one month's basic salary if he has completed less than six months' service.

5. Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 shall not apply to officials who resign before the end of their probationary period.';

11b. In Article 35, the following point shall be inserted after point (f):

'(fa) leave in the interests of the service';

12. In the second indent of point (b) of Article 37, the word 'institutions' shall be replaced by 'appointing authorities of the institutions';

12a. Article 40 shall be amended as follows:

(a) The following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 1:

'1a. Article 12b shall continue to apply during the period of leave on personal grounds. The permission under Article 12b shall not be granted to an official for the purpose of his engaging in an occupational activity, whether gainful or not, which involves lobbying or advocacy vis-à-vis his institution and which could lead to the existence or possibility of a conflict with the legitimate interests of the institution.';

(b) In the second subparagraph of paragraph 2 the words '15 years' shall be replaced by '12 years';

(c) In the third subparagraph of paragraph 2, point (ii) shall be replaced by the following:

'(ii) to follow his spouse, the latter also being an official or other servant of the *Union* required in the course of his duties to establish his habitual residence at such a distance from the place of employment of the applicant official that the establishment of their conjugal home in such a place would inconvenience the applicant official in the performance of his duties; or';

(d) In the third subparagraph of paragraph 2, the following point shall be inserted after point (ii):

'(iii) to assist his spouse, a relative in the ascending line, a relative in the descending line, a brother or a sister in the case of medically certified serious illness or disability,';

13. Article 42a shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 42a

An official shall be entitled to up to six months of parental leave without basic salary for every child, to be taken during the first twelve years after the birth or adoption of the child. The duration of the leave may be doubled for single parents recognised under general implementing provisions adopted by the appointing authority of each institution and for parents of dependent children with a disability or a severe illness recognised by the medical officer. The minimum leave taken at any one time shall not be less than one month.

During parental leave, the official's membership of the social security scheme shall continue; the acquisition of pension rights, dependent child allowance and education allowance shall be maintained. The official shall retain his post, and continue to be entitled to advancement to a higher step or promotion in grade. The leave may be taken as full-time or half-time leave. Where parental leave is taken in the form of half-time leave, the maximum period provided for in the first paragraph shall be doubled. During parental leave, officials shall be entitled to an allowance of EUR 911,73 per month, or 50 % of such sum if on half-time leave but may not engage in any other gainful employment. The full contribution to the social security scheme provided for in Articles 72 and 73 shall be borne by the institution and calculated on the basis of the basic salary of the official. However, in the case of half-time leave this provision shall apply only to the difference between the full basic salary and the proportionally reduced basic salary. For the part of the basic salary actually received, the official's contribution shall be calculated by using the same percentages as if he were in full-time employment.

The allowance shall be EUR 1 215, 63 per month, or 50 % of such sum if the official is on half-time leave, for the single parents and parents of dependent children with a disability or a severe illness recognised by the medical officer referred to in the first paragraph and during the first three months of parental leave where such leave is taken by the father during maternity leave or by either parent immediately after maternity leave or during or immediately after adoption leave.

The parental leave may be extended for a further six months with an allowance limited to 50 % of the amount referred to in the second paragraph. For single parents as referred to in the first paragraph, the parental leave may be extended for a further twelve months with an allowance limited to 50% of the amount referred to in the third paragraph.

The amounts mentioned in this Article shall be updated in line with remuneration.';

13a. The following Section shall be inserted after Section 6:

'Section 6a

Leave in the interests of the service';

13b. The following article shall be inserted after Section 6a:

'Article 42c

Maximum five years before the official's pensionable age, an official with at least ten years of service may be placed by decision of the appointing authority on leave in the interests of the service for organisational needs linked to the acquisition of new competences within the institutions.

The total number of officials placed on leave in the interests of the service each year shall not be higher than 5% of the officials in all institutions who retired the previous year. The total number thus calculated shall be allocated to each institution according to their respective numbers of officials at 31 December of the preceding year. The result of such allocation shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number in each institution.

Such leave shall not constitute a disciplinary measure.

The duration of the leave shall correspond in principle to the period until the official reaches the pensionable age. However, in exceptional situation, the appointing authority may decide to put an end to the leave and reinstate the official.

When the official placed on leave in the interests of the service reaches the pensionable age, he shall automatically be retired.

Leave in the interests of the service shall be governed by the following rules:

- (a) another official may be appointed to the post occupied by the official;
- (b) an official on leave in the interests of the service shall not be entitled to advancement to a higher step or promotion in grade.

An official thus put on leave shall receive an allowance calculated in accordance with Annex IV.

On the request of the official, the allowance shall be subject to contributions to the pension scheme, calculated on the basis of that allowance. In such case, the period of service as an official on leave in the interests of the service shall be taken into account for the purpose of calculating years of pensionable service within the meaning of Article 2 of Annex VIII.

The allowance shall not be subject to a correction coefficient.';

14. Article 43 shall be replaced by the following:

Article 43

The ability, efficiency and conduct in the service of each official shall be the subject of an annual report as provided for by the appointing authority of each institution in accordance with Article 110. That report shall state whether the performance level of the official has been satisfactory or not. The appointing authority of each institution shall lay down provisions conferring the right to lodge an appeal within the reporting procedure, which has to be exercised before lodging a complaint as referred to in Article 90(2).

As of grade AST 5, the report may also contain an opinion as to whether the official, on the basis of his performance, has the potential to carry out an administrator's function.

The report shall be communicated to the official. He shall be entitled to make any comments thereon which he considers relevant.';

- 14a. Article 44 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 44

An official who has been at one step in his grade for two years shall automatically advance to the next step in that grade, unless his performance has been evaluated as unsatisfactory pursuant to the last annual report referred to in Article 43. An official shall advance to the next step in his grade after no later than four years, unless the procedure laid down in Article 51, paragraph 1, is applied.

If an official is appointed head of unit, director or director-general in the same grade, and provided that his performance has been satisfactory within the meaning of Article 43 during the first nine months following his appointment, he shall retroactively benefit from advancement by one step in that grade at the time the appointment comes into effect. This advancement shall lead to an increase in his basic monthly salary corresponding to the percentage between the first and the second step in each grade. If the increase is less or if the official at that time is already in the last step of his grade, he shall receive an increase in basic salary ensuring the increase between the first and second step until his next promotion comes into effect.';

15. Article 45 shall be amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph 1 shall be replaced by the following:

'1. Promotion shall be by decision of the appointing authority in the light of Article 6(2). Unless the procedure laid down in Articles 4 and 29(1) is applied, officials may only be promoted if they occupy a post which corresponds to one of the types of post set out in Annex I, Section A, for the next higher grade. It shall be effected by appointment of the official to the next higher grade in the function group to which he belongs. Promotion shall be exclusively by selection from among officials who have completed a minimum of two years in their grade after consideration of the comparative merits of the officials eligible for promotion. When considering comparative merits, the appointing authority shall in particular take account of the reports on the officials, the use of languages in the execution of their duties other than the language for which they have produced evidence of thorough knowledge in accordance with Article 28(f) and the level of responsibilities exercised by them.';

(b) In the first sentence of paragraph 2, the words 'Article 55 of the Treaty on European Union' shall be replaced by 'Article 55(1) of the Treaty on European Union';

(c) In the second sentence of paragraph 2, the word 'institutions' shall be replaced by 'appointing authorities of the institutions';

16. Article 45a shall be amended as follows:

(a) In the first subparagraph of paragraph 2, the words 'their periodical reports' shall be replaced by 'the annual reports';

(b) In paragraph 5 of Article 45a, the word 'institutions' shall be replaced by 'appointing authority of each institution';

17. In the third paragraph of Article 48, the words 'function group AST' shall be replaced by 'function groups AST and AST/SC';

18. In the last paragraph of Article 50, the words 'fifty-five' shall be replaced by 'fifty-eight';
19. Article 51 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 51

1. The appointing authority of each institution shall define procedures to identify, deal with and remedy cases of incompetence in a timely and appropriate fashion.

When adopting internal provisions, the appointing authority of each institution shall respect the following requirements:

(a) an official who, on the basis of three consecutive unsatisfactory annual reports referred to in Article 43, still shows no progress in his professional competence shall be downgraded by one grade. If the following two annual reports still show unsatisfactory performance, the official shall be dismissed;

(b) any proposal to downgrade or dismiss an official shall set out the reasons on which it is based and shall be communicated to the official concerned. The proposal from the Appointing Authority shall be referred to the Joint Advisory Committee referred to in Article 9(6).

2. The official shall have the right to obtain his complete personal file and to take copies of all documents relating to the procedure. He shall have at least fifteen days, but no longer than 30 days, from the date of receipt of the proposal to prepare a defence. He may be assisted by a person of his choice. The official may submit written comments. He shall be heard by the Joint Advisory Committee. The official may also call witnesses.

3. The institution shall be represented before the Joint Advisory Committee by an official designated for that purpose by the Appointing Authority. That official shall have the same rights as the official concerned.

4. In the light of the proposal under paragraph 2 and any written and verbal statements from the official concerned or from witnesses, the Joint Advisory Committee shall deliver by a majority a reasoned opinion stating the measure which it considers appropriate in the light of the facts established at its request. It shall forward that opinion to the Appointing Authority and to the official concerned within two months of the date on which the matter is referred to it. The chairman shall not vote on decisions of the Joint Advisory Committee, except in procedural matters and where votes are tied.

5. An official dismissed for incompetence shall, for the period defined in paragraph 6, be entitled to a monthly dismissal allowance equal to the basic monthly salary of an official in the first step of grade AST 1. The official shall also be entitled during the same period to the family allowances provided for in Article 67. The household allowance shall be calculated on the basis of the basic monthly salary of an official in grade AST 1 in accordance with Article 1 of Annex VII.

The allowance shall not be paid if the official resigns after the start of the procedure referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 or if he is entitled to the immediate payment of a full pension. If he is entitled to unemployment benefit under a national unemployment scheme, the amount of that benefit shall be deducted from the above allowance.

6. The period during which the payments referred to in paragraph 5 are to be made shall be:

- (a) three months where the official has completed less than five years' service at the date on which the dismissal decision is taken;
- (b) six months where the official has completed at least five years' service but less than ten;
- (c) nine months where the official has completed at least 10 years' service but less than 20;
- (d) 12 months where the official has completed over 20 years' service.

7. Officials who are downgraded on grounds of incompetence may after a period of six years ask for all references to that measure to be deleted from their personal files.

8. Officials shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred on their initiative in the course of the proceedings, including fees payable to a defending adviser not belonging to the institution, where the proceedings provided for in this Article end without any decision being taken to dismiss or downgrade.';

20. Article 52 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 52

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 50, an official shall be retired:

- (a) either automatically on the last day of the month in which he reaches the age of 66, or
- (b) at his own request on the last day of the month in respect of which the request was submitted where he has reached the pensionable age or where he is between 58 and pensionable age and satisfies the requirements for immediate payment of a pension in accordance with Article 9 of Annex VIII. The second sentence of the second paragraph of Article 48 shall apply by analogy.

However, an official may at his own request and where the appointing authority considers it justified in the interest of the service, carry on working until the age of 67, or on an exceptional basis, until the age of 70, in which case he shall be retired automatically on the last day of the month in which he reaches that age.

The decision of the appointing authority to authorise an official to remain into service beyond the age of 66 shall be granted for a maximum duration of one year. It may be renewed at the official's request.';

21. Article 55 shall be amended as follows:

- (a) The paragraphs shall be numbered;
- (b) The first sentence of paragraph 2 shall be replaced by the following:

'The normal working week shall range from 40 to 42 hours, the hours of the working day to be determined by the appointing authority';

(c) In the second sentence of the third paragraph, the word 'institution' shall be replaced by 'appointing authority of each institution';

(d) The following paragraph shall be added:

'4. The appointing authority of each institution may introduce flexible working-time arrangements. Under these arrangements, entire working days shall not be granted for officials in grade AD/AST9 or higher. These arrangements shall not be applicable to officials to whom the provisions of the second paragraph of Article 44 apply. These officials shall manage their working time in agreement with their superiors.';

22. In Article 55a, paragraph 2 shall be replaced by the following:

'2. The official shall be entitled to authorisation in the following cases:

- (a) to care for a dependent child under 9 years of age,
- (b) to care for a dependent child aged between 9 and 12, if the reduction in working time is no more than 20 % of normal working time,
- (c) to care for a dependent child until he reaches the age of 14 when the official is a single parent,
- (d) in cases of serious hardship, to care for a dependent child until he reaches the age of 14 if the reduction in working time is no more than 5 % of normal working time. In that case, the first two paragraphs of Article 3 of Annex IVa shall not apply. In case both parents are employed in the service of the Union, only one shall be entitled to such reduction.
- (e) to care for a seriously ill or disabled spouse, relative in the ascending line, relative in the descending line, brother or sister,
- (f) to take part in further training, or
- (g) during the last three years before he reaches pensionable_age, but not before the age of 58.

Where part-time is requested in order to take part in further training, or during the last three years before reaching pensionable age, but not before the age of 58, the appointing authority may refuse authorisation or postpone its date of effect only in exceptional circumstances and for overriding service-related reasons.

Where such entitlement to authorisation is exercised to care for a seriously ill or disabled spouse, relative in the ascending line, relative in the descending line, brother or sister, or to take part in further training, the total of all such periods shall not exceed five years over the official's career.';

23. The third paragraph of Article 56 shall be replaced by the following:

'As provided in Annex VI, overtime worked by officials in grades SC 1 to SC 6 and grades AST 1 to AST 4 shall entitle them either to compensatory leave or to

remuneration where requirements of the service do not allow compensatory leave during two months following that in which the overtime was worked.';

24. The second paragraph of Article 56a, and the second paragraph of Article 56b shall be replaced by the following:

'After consulting the Staff Regulations Committee, the Commission shall determine, by means of delegated acts in accordance with Articles 110a and 110b, the categories of officials entitled to such allowances, the conditions for granting the allowances and the rates thereof.';

25. The second paragraph of Article 56c shall be replaced by the following:

'After consulting the Staff Regulations Committee, the Commission shall determine, by means of delegated acts in accordance with Articles 110a and 110b, the categories of officials entitled to the special allowances, the conditions for granting such allowances and the rates thereof.';

26. In the first paragraph of Article 57, the word 'institutions' shall be replaced by 'appointing authorities of the institutions';

- 26a. Article 58 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 58

Pregnant women shall, in addition to the leave provided for in Article 57, be entitled on production of a medical certificate to twenty weeks of leave. The leave shall start not earlier than six weeks before the expected date of confinement shown in the certificate and end not earlier than 14 weeks after the date of confinement. In the case of multiple or premature birth or the birth of a child with a disability or serious illness, the duration shall be of 24 weeks. Premature birth for the purposes of this provision is a birth taking place before the end of the 34th week of pregnancy.';

27. In Article 61, the words 'A list of public holidays' shall be replaced by 'Lists of public holidays' and the word 'institutions' shall be replaced by 'appointing authorities of the institutions';

28. Article 63 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 63

Officials' remuneration shall be expressed in euros. It shall be paid in the currency of the country in which the official performs his duties or in euros.

Remuneration paid in a currency other than euros shall be calculated on the basis of the exchange rates used for the implementation of the general budget of the European Union on 1 July of that year.

Every year the exchange rates shall be updated retroactively at the time of the annual update of remuneration provided for in Article 65.';

29. Article 64 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 64

An official's remuneration expressed in euros shall, after the compulsory deductions set out in these Staff Regulations or in any implementing regulations have been made, be weighted at a rate above, below or equal to 100 %, depending on living conditions in the various places of employment.

The correction coefficients shall be created, withdrawn as well as annually updated in accordance with Annex XI. With respect to the update, all values shall be understood as reference values. The Commission shall be responsible for the publication of the updated values within two weeks after the update in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union* for information purposes.

No correction coefficient shall be applicable in Belgium and Luxembourg with regard to the special role as referential of these places of employment as principal and original seats of most of the European Institutions.';

30. Article 65 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 65

1. The remuneration of the officials and other servants of the European Union shall be updated every year by taking into account the economic and social policy of the Union. Particular account shall be taken of any salary increases in the civil service of the Member States and the needs of recruitment. The update of salaries shall be implemented in accordance with Annex XI. This update shall take place before the end of each year in the light of a report by the Commission based on statistical data prepared by the Statistical Office of the European Union in agreement with the national statistical offices of the Member States; the statistical data shall reflect the situation as at 1 July in each of the Member States. This report shall contain data pertaining to the budgetary impact on salaries and pensions of EU officials. It shall be transmitted to the European Parliament and the Council.

The amounts in the second and third paragraphs of Article 42a, Articles 66 and 69, Articles 1(1), 2(1), 3(1) and (2), 4(1), 7(2), 8(2), 10(1) of Annex VII and Article 8(2) of Annex XIII, the amounts in the former Article 4a of Annex VII to be updated in accordance with Article 18(1) of Annex XIII, the amounts in Article 24(3), the second subparagraph of Article 28a(3), Articles 28a(7), 93, 94, the second subparagraph of Article 96(3) and Articles 96(7), 133, 134 and 136 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants, the amounts in the first subparagraph of Article 1(1) of Council Regulation (ECSC, EEC, Euratom) No 300/76 and the coefficient for the amounts in Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 260/68 shall be updated annually in accordance with Annex XI. The Commission shall be responsible for the publication of the updated amounts in the C series of the Official Journal for information purposes.

2. In the event of a substantial change in the cost of living, the amounts referred to in paragraph 1 and the weightings referred to in Article 64 shall be updated in accordance with Annex XI. The Commission shall be responsible for the publication of the updated amounts within two weeks after the update in the C series of the Official Journal for information purposes.

2a. The amounts referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be understood as amounts the actual value of which at a given point in time is subject to update without intervention of another legal act.

3. Without prejudice to Article 3(5) and (6) of Annex XI, no update provided for under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be made in the years 2013 and 2014.';

31. Article 66 shall be amended as follows:

(a) The introductory sentence shall be replaced by the following:

'Basic monthly salaries are for each grade and step in function groups AD and AST as provided in the following table:'

(b) The following shall be added:

'Basic monthly salaries are for each grade and step in function group AST/SC as provided in the following table:

Grade	Step				
	1	2	3	4	5
SC 6	4.349,59	4.532,36	4.722,82	4.854,21	4.921,28
SC 5	3.844,31	4.005,85	4.174,78	4.290,31	4.349,59
SC 4	3.397,73	3.540,50	3.689,28	3.791,92	3.844,31
SC 3	3.003,02	3.129,21	3.260,71	3.351,42	3.397,73
SC 2	2.654,17	2.765,70	2.881,92	2.962,10	3.003,02
SC 1	2.345,84	2.444,41	2.547,14	2.617,99	2.654,17

;

32. Article 66a shall be replaced by the following:

Article 66a

1. By way of derogation from Article 3(1) of Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 260/68¹ and in order to take account, without prejudice to Article 65(3), of the application of the method for updating the remuneration and pensions of officials, a temporary measure regarding remuneration paid by the Union to staff in active employment, to be known as the 'solidarity levy', shall be applied from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2023.

2. The rate of this solidarity levy, which shall apply to the base defined in paragraph 3, shall be 6 %. The rate shall however be 7% for officials as of grade AD 15, step 2 and above.

3. (a) The base for the solidarity levy shall be the basic salary used to calculate remuneration, minus:

(i) social security and pension contributions and the tax, before solidarity levy, payable by an official in the same grade and step without dependants within the meaning of Article 2 of Annex VII, and

(ii) an amount equal to the basic salary of an official in grade AST 1, step 1.

¹ Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 260/68 of the Council of February 1968 laying down the conditions and procedure for applying the tax for the benefit of the European Communities, OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 8.

(b) The components used to determine the base for the solidarity levy shall be expressed in euro and weighted at 100.

4. The solidarity levy shall be deducted monthly at source; the proceeds shall be entered as revenue in the general budget of the European Union.';

32a. In Article 67, paragraph 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'3. The dependent child allowance may be doubled, by special reasoned decision of the appointing authority based on medical documents establishing that the child concerned has a disability or a long-term illness which involves the official in heavy expenditure.';

33. Article 72 shall be amended as follows:

(a) In the first sentence of the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 and in the third subparagraph of paragraph 1, the word 'institutions' shall be replaced by 'appointing authorities of each institution';

(b) In paragraph 2 the words 'until the age of 63 years' shall be replaced by 'until the pensionable age';

(c) In paragraph 2a the words 'before reaching the age of 63' shall be replaced by 'before reaching the pensionable age';

(d) In paragraph 2b, the words 'grade 1' shall be replaced by the words 'grade AST 1';

34. In Article 73(1), the word 'Institutions' shall be replaced by 'appointing authorities of the institutions';

35. In the second sentence of Article 76a, the word 'institutions' shall be replaced by 'appointing authorities of the institutions';

36. Article 77 shall be replaced by the following:

Article 77

An official who has completed at least ten year's service shall be entitled to a retirement pension. He shall, however, be entitled to such pension, irrespective of length of service, if he is over the pensionable age, if it has not been possible to reinstate him during a period of non-active status or in the event of retirement in the interests of the service.

The maximum retirement pension shall be 70 % of the final basic salary carried by the last grade in which the official was classified for at least one year. 1,80 % of this final basic salary shall be payable to an official for each year of service reckoned in accordance with Article 3 of Annex VIII.

However, in the case of officials who have been assisting a person holding an office provided for in the Treaty on European Union or the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the elected President of one of the institutions or organs of the Union or the elected Chairman of one of the political groups in the European Parliament, the entitlement to pensions corresponding to the years of pensionable

service acquired while working in that capacity shall be calculated by reference to the final basic salary received during that time if the basic salary received exceeds that taken as reference for the purposes of the second paragraph of this Article.

The amount of the retirement pension must not be less than 4 % of the minimum subsistence figure per year of service.

The pensionable age shall be 66 years.

The pensionable age shall be assessed every five years starting on 1 January 2014 on the basis of a report by the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council. The report shall examine notably the evolution of pensionable age for staff in the civil services of the Member States and the evolution of life expectancy of officials of the European Institutions.

Where appropriate, the Commission shall make a proposal amending the pensionable age in line with the conclusions of this report, paying particular attention to the developments in the Member States.';

36a. Article 78 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 78

An official shall be entitled, in the manner provided for in Articles 13 to 16 of Annex VIII, to an invalidity allowance in the case of total permanent invalidity preventing him from performing the duties corresponding to a post in his function group.

Article 52 shall apply by analogy to recipients of an invalidity allowance. If the recipient of an invalidity allowance retires before the age of 66 without having reached the maximum pension entitlement, the general rules on retirement pensions shall be applied. The amount of the retirement pension shall be based on the salary for the grade and step occupied by the official when he became an invalid.

The invalidity allowance shall be equal to 70 % of the official's last basic salary. However, it may not be less than the minimum subsistence figure.

The invalidity allowance shall be subject to contributions to the pension scheme, calculated on the basis of that allowance.

Where the invalidity arises from an accident in the course of or in connection with the performance of an official's duties, from an occupational disease, from a public-spirited act or from risking his life to save another human being, the invalidity allowance may not be less than 120 % of the minimum subsistence figure. In such cases, moreover, contributions to the pension scheme shall be paid in full from the budget of the institution or body referred to in Article 1b.';

36b. In Article 80, the sixth paragraph shall be replaced by the following:

'Entitlement as provided for in the first, second and third paragraphs shall apply in the event of the death of a former official entitled to an allowance under Article 50 of the Staff Regulations, Article 5 of Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68, Article 3 of Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 2530/72 or Article 3 of Regulation (ECSC, EEC Euratom) No 1543/73 and in the event of the death of a former official who left the service before reaching the pensionable age and

requested that his retirement pension be deferred until the first day of the calendar month following that in which he reached the pensionable age.';

36c. Article 81a shall be amended as follows:

(a) In point (b), the terms 'age of 65' shall be replaced by 'age of 66';

(b) Point (d) shall be replaced by the following:

'(d) in the event of the death of a former official who left the service before reaching the pensionable age and requested that his retirement pension be deferred until the first day of the calendar month following that in which he reached the pensionable age, the amount of the retirement pension to which he would have been entitled at the pensionable age_had he been alive, subject to the allowances and deductions referred to in (b)';

(c) In point (e), the terms 'allowance under Article 41 or 50' shall be replaced by 'allowance under Article 41, 42c or 50';

37. Paragraph 2 of Article 82 by the following:

'2. Where remuneration is updated in accordance with Article 65(1), the same update shall be applied to pensions.';

38. The second subparagraph of Article 83(1) shall be deleted;

39. Article 83a shall be amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph 2 shall be replaced by the following:

'2. Agencies which do not receive a subsidy from the general budget of the European Union shall pay into that budget the entire amount of the contributions needed to finance the scheme. From 1 January 2016 agencies which are partially financed from that budget shall pay the part of the employers' contributions which corresponds to the proportion between the agency's revenues without the subsidy from the general budget of the European Union and its total revenues.';

(b) Paragraph 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'3. The balance of the pension scheme shall be ensured by the pensionable age and the rate of contribution to the scheme. On the occasion of the five-yearly actuarial assessment in accordance with Annex XII, the rate of contribution to the pension scheme shall be updated in order to ensure the balance of the scheme.;

(c) Paragraph 4 shall be replaced by the following:

'4. Each year the Commission shall update the actuarial assessment referred to in paragraph 3, in accordance with Article 1(2) of Annex XII. Where it is shown that there is a gap of at least 0,25 points between the rate of contribution currently applied and the rate required to maintain actuarial balance, the rate shall be updated, in accordance with the arrangements laid down in Annex XII.';

(d) Paragraph 5 shall be replaced by the following:

'5. For the purposes of paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article, the reference figure set out in Article 83(2) shall be updated. The Commission shall be responsible for the publication of the resulting updated rate of contribution within two weeks after the update in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union* for information purposes';

40. Title VIII 'Special provisions applicable to officials in the scientific or technical services of the Union' shall be deleted;

41. Article 110 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 110

1. The general provisions implementing these Staff Regulations shall be adopted by the appointing authority of each institution after consulting the Staff Committee and the Staff Regulations Committee.

2. Implementing rules adopted by the Commission to give effect to these Staff Regulations, including the general implementing provisions referred to in paragraph 1, shall apply by analogy to the agencies. To this end, the Commission shall inform the agencies of any such implementing rule without delay after adoption.

Such implementing rules shall enter into force at the agencies nine months after their entry into force at the Commission or nine months after the date on which the Commission informed the agencies of the adoption of the respective implementing rule, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an agency may also decide that such implementing rules will enter into force at an earlier date.

By way of derogation, an agency may, before the expiry of the nine-month period referred to above and after consulting its Staff Committee, submit to the Commission for its agreement implementing rules which are different from those adopted by the Commission. Under the same conditions, an agency may request the agreement of the Commission for not applying certain of these implementing rules. In the latter case, the Commission may, instead of accepting or rejecting the request, require the agency to submit for its agreement implementing rules which are different from those adopted by the Commission.

The nine-month period referred to in the previous subparagraphs shall be suspended from the date on which the agency has requested the Commission's agreement until the date on which the Commission has expressed its position.

An agency may also, after consulting its Staff Committee, submit to the Commission for its agreement implementing rules which concern other subjects than the implementing rules adopted by the Commission.

For the purpose of the adoption of implementing rules, the agencies shall be represented by the management board or the equivalent body referred to in the European Union act establishing them.

3. For the purpose of the adoption of rules by agreement between the institutions, the agencies shall not be treated as institutions. However, the Commission shall consult the agencies before the adoption of these rules.

4. Rules giving effect to these Staff Regulations, including the general implementing provisions referred to in paragraph 1, and rules adopted by agreement between the appointing authorities of the institutions, shall be brought to the attention of the staff.

5. The administrative departments of the institutions and the agencies shall consult each other regularly concerning the application of these Staff Regulations. Agencies shall be jointly represented in these consultations in accordance with rules to be fixed by agreement between them.

6. The Court of Justice of the European Union shall administer a register of the rules adopted by the appointing authority of each institution to give effect to these Staff Regulations, and those rules adopted by the agencies to the extent that they derogate from the rules adopted by the Commission, in accordance with the procedure provided in paragraph 2, including any amendments thereof. Institutions and agencies shall have direct access to this register and the full right to amend their own rules. Member States shall have direct access to it. Moreover, every three years, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the rules adopted by each institution to give effect to these Staff Regulations.';

42. The following Articles shall be inserted after Article 110:

Article 110a

The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 110b concerning certain aspects of working conditions, certain aspects of the implementation of the rules on remuneration and social security scheme.

Article 110b

1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.

2. The delegation of power referred to in Articles 56a, 56b, 56c of the Staff Regulations, Article 13 of Annex VII, Article 9 of Annex XI and Articles 28a and 96 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time as of 1 January 2014.

3. The delegation of power referred to in Articles 56a, 56b, 56c of the Staff Regulations, Article 13 of Annex VII, Article 9 of Annex XI and Articles 28a and 96 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision of revocation shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union* or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

4. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Articles 56a, 56b, 56c of the Staff Regulations, Article 13 of Annex VII, Article 9 of Annex XI and Articles 28a and 96 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or the Council.';

42a. The following article shall be inserted after Article 110b

'Article 110c

The Commission shall, by 31 December 2020, submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council assessing the functioning of these Staff Regulations.';

43. Annex I shall be amended as follows:

(a) Section A shall be replaced by the following:

'A. TYPES OF POSTS IN EACH FUNCTION GROUP, AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 5(4)

1. Function Group AD

Director-General	AD 15 - AD 16
Director	AD 14 - AD 15
Adviser or equivalent	AD 13- AD 14
Head of Unit or equivalent	AD 9 - AD 14
Administrator	AD 5 - AD 12

2. Function Group AST

Senior Assistant Carrying out administrative, technical or training activities requiring a high degree of autonomy and carrying significant responsibilities in terms of staff management, budget implementation or political coordination	AST 10 – AST 11
Assistant Carrying out administrative, technical or training activities requiring a certain degree of autonomy, notably with regard to the implementation of rules and regulations or general instructions or as personal	AST 1 – AST 9

assistant of a Member of the institution, of the Head of a Member's private office or of a (Deputy) Director-General or an equivalent senior manager	
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3. Function Group AST/SC

Secretary/Clerk Carrying out clerical and secretarial tasks, office management and other equivalent tasks requiring a certain degree of autonomy ²	SC 1 – SC 6
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(b) Section B shall be amended as follows:

(i) The following shall be inserted after the title:

'1. Multiplication rates for guiding average career equivalence in function groups AST and AD:';

(ii) In point 1, the term '20 %' set out in the table for grade 9 of function group AST shall be replaced by '8%';

(iii) In point 1, the term '25%' set out in the table for grade 12 of function group AD shall be replaced by '15%';

(iv) In point 1, the term '20 %' set out in the table for grade 13 of function group AD shall be replaced by '15%';

(v) In point 1, the terms '33 %' set out in the table for grades 5, 6 and 7 of function group AD shall be replaced by '36 %';

(vi) The following shall be added:

'2. Multiplication rates for guiding average career equivalence in function group AST/SC:

Grade	Secretaries / Clerks
SC 6	-
SC 5	12%
SC 4	15%
SC 3	17%
SC 2	20%
SC 1	25%

44. Annex II shall be amended as follows:

² The number of posts of Parliamentary ushers in the European Parliament shall not exceed 85.

- (a) In the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 1, the word 'institution' shall be replaced by 'appointing authority of each institution';
- (b) In the second sentence of the second subparagraph of Article 1, the word 'institution' shall be replaced by 'appointing authority of each institution';
- (c) In the fourth subparagraph of Article 1, the words 'both function groups' shall be replaced by 'the three function groups';
- (d) In the first indent of the second paragraph of Article 2, the words 'the third subparagraph of' shall be deleted;

45. The Sole Article of Annex IV shall be modified as follows:

- (a) In the second subparagraph of paragraph 1 and the fourth subparagraph of paragraph 4, the words 'age of 63 years' shall be replaced by 'age of 66 years';
- (b) The third subparagraph of paragraph 1 shall be deleted;
- (c) In the last line of the table in paragraph 3, the terms '59 to 64' shall be replaced by '59 to 65';

46. In the first paragraph of Article 4 of Annex IVa, the words 'officials aged over 55 authorised to work half time in preparation of retirement' shall be replaced by 'officials authorised, in accordance with Article 55a(2)(e) of the Staff Regulations, to work half time';

47. Annex V shall be amended as follows:

- (a) Article 6 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 6

In addition to annual leave, an official may, on application, be granted special leave. In particular, in the following cases special leave shall be granted as shown:

- marriage of the official: four days;
- change of residence of the official: up to two days;
- serious illness of spouse: up to three days;
- death of spouse: four days;
- serious illness of a relative in the ascending line: up to two days;
- death of a relative in the ascending line: two days;
- marriage of a child: two days;
- birth of a child: 10 days, to be taken during the fourteen weeks following birth;
- birth of a disabled or seriously ill child: 20 days, to be taken during the fourteen weeks following the birth;

- death of the wife during maternity leave: a number of days corresponding to the remaining maternity leave; if the deceased wife is not an official, the remaining maternity leave is determined by applying the provisions of Article 58 of the Staff Regulations, by analogy;
- serious illness of a child: up to two days;
- very serious illness of a child, as certified by a doctor, or hospitalisation of a child aged 12 or under: up to five days;
- death of a child: four days;
- adoption of a child: 20 weeks, rising to 24 weeks in the case of the adoption of a disabled child:

Every adopted child shall confer entitlement to only one period of special leave, which may be shared between the adoptive parents if both are officials. It shall be granted only if the official's spouse engages in a gainful activity at least half-time. If the spouse works outside the institutions of the Union and benefits from comparable leave, a corresponding number of days shall be deducted from the official's entitlement.

The appointing authority may, in case of necessity, grant additional special leave in cases where the national legislation of the country in which the adoption procedure takes place and which is not the country of employment of the adopting official requires a stay of one or both adoptive parents.

- Special leave of 10 days shall be granted if the official does not benefit from the full special leave of 20 or 24 weeks by reason of the first sentence of this indent; this additional special leave shall be granted only once for each adopted child.

The institution may also grant special leave in the case of further training and instruction, within the limits laid down in the further training and instruction programme drawn up by the institution pursuant to Article 24a of the Staff Regulations.

Special leave may furthermore be granted to officials on an exceptional basis in case of exceptional work which goes beyond an official's normal obligations. Such special leave shall be granted at the latest three months after the appointing authority has taken a decision on the exceptional character of the work of the official.

For the purposes of this Article, the unmarried partner of an official shall be treated as the spouse where the first three conditions in Article 1(2)(c) of Annex VII are met.

Where special leave is granted in pursuance of this section, any travelling time shall be fixed by special decision taking into account particular needs.;

- (b) Article 7 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 7

Officials who are entitled to the expatriation or foreign residence allowance shall be entitled to two and a half days of supplementary leave every year, for the purpose of visiting their home country.

The first paragraph shall apply to officials whose place of employment is within the territories of the Member States. If the place of employment is outside these territories, the duration of the home leave shall be fixed by special decision taking into account particular needs.';

48. Annex VI shall be amended as follow:

(a) Article 1 shall be replaced by the following:

'Within the limits laid down in Article 56 of the Staff Regulations, overtime worked by an official in grade SC 1 to SC 6 or grade AST 1 to AST 4 shall entitle him to compensatory leave or to remuneration as follows:

(a) For each hour of overtime, he shall be entitled to one hour and a half off as compensatory leave; if the hour of overtime is worked between 2200 hours and 0700 hours or on a Sunday or on a public holiday, the entitlement to compensatory leave shall be two hours off; in the granting of compensatory leave, account shall be taken of the requirements of the service and the preference of the official concerned.

(b) Where the requirements of the service do not permit compensatory leave to be taken during two months following that during which the overtime was worked, the appointing authority shall authorise remuneration for uncompensated hours of overtime at the rate of 0.56 % of the monthly basic salary for each hour of overtime on the basis set out in subparagraph (a).

(c) To qualify for compensatory leave or remuneration for one hour's overtime, the extra time worked must have been more than thirty minutes.';

(b) Article 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Annex remuneration for overtime worked by certain groups of officials in grades SC 1 to SC 6 and grades AST 1 to AST 4 in special conditions may be paid in the form of a fixed allowance the amount and terms of which shall be determined by the appointing authority after consulting the Joint Committee.';

49. Annex VII shall be amended as follows:

(a) In Article 1(3), the words 'grade 3' shall be replaced by 'grade AST 3';

(aa) The second subparagraph of Article 3(1), shall be replaced by the following:

'Entitlement to this allowance shall commence on the first day of the month in which the child begins to attend a primary educational establishment and shall cease at the end of the month in which the child finishes its education or at the end of the month in which the child reaches the age of twenty-six, whatever is the earliest.';

(b) Article 7 shall be replaced by the following:

'1. An official shall be entitled to a flat-rate payment corresponding to the cost of travel for himself, his spouse and his dependants actually living in his household:

- (a) on taking up his appointment, from the place where he was recruited to the place where he is employed;
- (b) on termination of service within the meaning of Article 47 of the Staff Regulations, from the place where he is employed to the place of origin as defined in paragraph 3 below;
- (c) on any transfer involving a change in the place where he is employed.

In the event of the death of an official, the surviving spouse and the dependants shall be entitled to the flat rate payment under the same conditions.

Travel expenses for children aged less than two years during the entire calendar year shall not be reimbursed.

2. The flat-rate payment shall be based on an allowance per kilometre of geographical distance between the places referred to in paragraph 1.

The kilometric allowance shall be:

EUR 0 for every km from	0 to 200 km
EUR 0,1895 for every km from	201 to 1000 km
EUR 0,3158 for every km from	1001 to 2000 km
EUR 0,1895 for every km from	2001 to 3000 km
EUR 0,0631 for every km from	3001 to 4000 km
EUR 0,0305 for every km from	4001 to 10000 km
EUR 0 for every km over	10000 km.

To the above kilometric allowance shall be added a flat-rate supplement amounting to:

- EUR 94,74 if the geographical distance between the places referred to in paragraph 1 is between 600 km and 1200 km,
- EUR 189,46 if the geographical distance between the places referred to in paragraph 1 is greater than 1200 km.

The above kilometric allowances and flat-rate supplements shall be updated every year in the same proportion as remuneration.

2a. By way of derogation from paragraph 2, travel expenses which relate to a transfer involving a change between a place of employment within the

territories of the Member States of the European Union and a place of employment outside these territories or to a transfer involving a change between places of employment outside these territories shall be reimbursed in the form of a flat-rate payment based on the cost of air travel in the class immediately superior to economy class.

3. An official's place of origin shall be determined when he takes up his appointment, account being taken in principle of where he was recruited or, upon express and motivated request, the centre of his interests. The place of origin as so determined may by special decision of the appointing authority be changed while the official is in service or when he leaves the service. While he is in the service, however, such decision shall be taken only exceptionally and on production by the official of appropriate supporting evidence.

The effect of such a change shall not, however, be such as to recognise as the centre of the official's interests, a place which is outside the territories of the Member States of the Union as well as outside the countries and territories listed in Annex II to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the territories of the Member States of the European Free Trade Association.';

(c) Article 8 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 8

'1. Officials entitled to the expatriation or foreign residence allowance shall be entitled, within the limit set out in paragraph 2, in each calendar year to a flat-rate payment corresponding to the cost of travel from the place of employment to the place of origin as defined in Article 7 for themselves and, if they are entitled to the household allowance, for the spouse and dependants within the meaning of Article 2.

Where a husband and wife are both officials of the European Union, each has the right in respect of himself or herself and in respect of dependants to the flat-rate payment of travelling expenses, in accordance with the above provisions; each dependant shall be entitled to one payment only. The payment in respect of dependent children is fixed at the request of the husband or wife, on the basis of the place of origin of one or other of them.

Where an official marries during a given year and thereby becomes entitled to the household allowance, the travel expenses payable for the spouse shall be calculated in proportion to the period from the date of the marriage to the end of the year.

Any alteration to the basis of calculation which may arise from changes in family status after the date of payment of the sums in question shall not render the official concerned liable to make repayment.

Travel expenses for children aged less than two years during the entire calendar year shall not be reimbursed.

2. The flat-rate payment shall be based on an allowance per kilometre of geographical distance between the official's place of employment and his place of origin.

Where the place of origin as defined in Article 7 is outside the territories of the Member States of the Union as well as outside the countries and territories listed in Annex II to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the territories of the Member States of the European Free Trade Association, the flat-rate payment shall be based on an allowance per kilometre of geographical distance between the official's place of employment and the capital city of the Member State whose nationality he holds. Officials whose place of origin is outside the territories of the Member States of the European Union as well as outside the countries and territories listed in Annex II to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the territories of the Member States of the European Free Trade Association and who are not nationals of one of the Member States shall not be entitled to the flat-rate payment.

The kilometric allowance shall be:

EUR 0 for every km from	0 to 200 km
EUR 0,3790 for every km from	201 to 1000 km
EUR 0,6316 for every km from	1001 to 2000 km
EUR 0,3790 for every km from	2001 to 3000 km
EUR 0,1262 for every km from	3001 to 4000 km
EUR 0,0609 for every km from	4001 to 10000 km
EUR 0 for every km over	10000 km.

To the above kilometric allowance a flat-rate supplement shall be added, amounting to:

- EUR 189,48 if the geographical distance between the place of employment and the place of origin is between 600 km and 1200 km,
- EUR 378,93 if the geographical distance between the place of employment and the place of origin is greater than 1200 km.

The above kilometric allowances and flat-rate supplements shall be updated every year in the same proportion as remuneration.

3. An official whose service is terminated in the course of a calendar year for any reason other than death or who is on leave on personal grounds during part of the year shall, if he is in active employment in the service of an institution of the European Union for less than nine months of that year, be entitled only to part of the flat-rate payment provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2, calculated in proportion to the time spent in active employment.

4. The preceding provisions shall apply to officials whose place of employment is within the territories of the Member States. Officials whose place of employment is outside the territory of the Member States shall be entitled for

themselves and, if they are entitled to receive the household allowance, for their spouse and other dependants within the meaning of Article 2, in each calendar year, to repayment of travel expenses to their place of origin, or to repayment of travel expenses to another place not exceeding the expense of travel to the place of origin. However, if the spouse and the persons referred to in Article 2(2) do not live with the official at the place of employment, they shall be entitled each calendar year to reimbursement of travel expenses from the place of origin to the place of employment or to another place not exceeding the cost of the former journey.

These travel expenses shall be reimbursed in the form of a flat-rate payment based on the cost of air travel in the class immediately superior to economy class.;

- (d) Article 9 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 9

1. Within the limits of costs ceilings, officials obliged to change the place of residence in order to comply with Article 20 of the Staff Regulations upon entry into service or on a subsequent change of place of employment while in service and who have not been reimbursed in respect of the same expenses from another source, shall be entitled to the reimbursement of expenses incurred in respect of the removal of furniture and personal effects, including the cost of insurance against ordinary risks (notably breakage, theft, fire).

The ceilings shall take into account the official's family situation at the time of the removal, and the average costs of removal and associated insurance.

General implementing provisions shall be adopted by the appointing authority of each institution to give effect to this paragraph.

2. On termination of service or on death of an official, the expenses incurred in respect of removal from the place where he was employed to his place of origin shall be reimbursed within the limits defined in paragraph 1. Where the deceased official was unmarried, the expenses shall be reimbursed to those entitled under him.

3. In the case of an established official, removal shall be effected within one year of the end of his probationary period. On termination of service, removal shall be effected within three years as provided in the second subparagraph of Article 6 (4). Removals effected after the expiry of the time limits set out above shall be reimbursed only in exceptional cases and by special decision of the appointing authority.'

- (e) Article 13 shall be amended as follows:

- (i) Paragraph 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'3. The Commission shall review every two years the rates set out in paragraph 2(a). This review shall take place in the light of a report on the prices of hotels, restaurants and catering services, and shall be based on the indexes on the evolution of such prices. For the purpose of this review, the Commission shall

act by means of delegated acts in accordance with Articles 110a and 110b of the Staff Regulations.';

(ii) The following paragraph 4 shall be added:

'4. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, accommodation costs incurred by officials for missions to the principal places of work of their institution as referred to in Protocol N°6 to the treaty may be reimbursed on the basis of a flat-rate sum which shall not exceed the maximum fixed for the Member States in question.'

(f) In Article 13a, the words 'various institutions' shall be replaced by the 'appointing authorities of the various institutions';

(g) Article 17 shall be modified as follows:

(i) Paragraph 1 shall be replaced by the following:

'Payment shall be made to each official at the place and in the currency of the country where he carries out his duty or, at the request of the official, in euros in a bank within the European Union.';

(ii) The first subparagraph of paragraph 2 shall be replaced by the following:

'Under the conditions laid down in rules fixed by the appointing authorities of each institution by common consent after consulting the Staff Regulations Committee, officials may apply for special regular transfer of part of their remuneration.';

(iii) In the first sentence of paragraph 3, after the words 'shall be made', the words 'in the currency of the relevant Member State' shall be inserted.

(iv) In the first sentence of paragraph 4, after the words 'to another Member State', the words 'in local currency' shall be inserted;

50. Annex VIII shall be amended as follows:

(-a) In point (b) of Article 3, the words 'under Articles 41 and 50' shall be replaced by 'under Articles 41, 42c and 50';

(a) Article 5 shall be replaced by the following:

'Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 2 of this Annex, officials who remain in service after the pensionable age shall be entitled to an increase of their pension equal to 1,5 % of the basic salary taken into account for the calculation of their pension per year worked after that age, with the proviso that the total of their pension plus the increase does not exceed 70 % of their final basic salary as referred to in the second or third paragraph, as the case may be, of Article 77 of the Staff Regulations.

Such increase shall likewise be payable in the event of death of an official who has remained in the service after the pensionable age.';

- (b) In Article 6, the words 'at the first step of grade 1' shall be replaced by 'the first step of grade AST 1';
- (c) Article 9 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 9

An official leaving the service before reaching the pensionable age may request that his retirement pension:

(a) be deferred until the first day of the calendar month following that in which he reaches the pensionable age; or

(b) be paid immediately, provided that he is not less than 58 years of age. In this case, the retirement pension shall be reduced by an amount calculated by reference to the official's age when he starts to draw his pension.

The pension shall be reduced by 3,5 % for every year before the one in which officials would become entitled to a retirement pension within the meaning of Article 77 of the Staff Regulations. If between the age at which entitlement to a retirement pension is acquired within the meaning of Article 77 of the Staff Regulations and the age of the person concerned at the time, the difference exceeds an exact number of years, an extra year shall be added to the reduction.';

- (d) In the second subparagraph of Article 11(2), the word 'institution' shall be replaced by 'appointing authority of each institution';
- (e) Article 12(1) and (2), shall be replaced by the following:

'1. An official aged less than the pensionable age whose service terminates otherwise than by reason of death or invalidity and who is not entitled to an immediate or deferred retirement pension shall be entitled on leaving the service:

(a) where he has completed less than one year's service and has not made use of the arrangement laid down in Article 11(2), to payment of a severance grant equal to three times the amounts withheld from his basic salary in respect of his pension contributions, after deduction of any amounts paid under Articles 42 and 112 of the Conditions of Employment of other Servants;

(b) in other cases, to the benefits provided under Article 11(1) or to the payment of the actuarial equivalent of such benefits to a private insurance company or pension fund of their choice, on condition such company or fund guarantees that:

(i) the capital will not be repaid;

(ii) a monthly income will be paid from age 60 at the earliest, and the age of 66 at the latest;

(iii) provisions are included for reversion or survivors' pensions;

(iv) transfer to another insurance company or other fund will be authorised only if such fund fulfils the conditions laid down in points (i), (ii) and (iii).

2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1(b), officials under the pensionable age who, since taking up their duties, have, in order to establish or maintain pension rights, paid into a national pension scheme, a private insurance scheme or a pension fund of their choice which satisfies the requirements set out in paragraph 1, and whose service terminates for reasons other than death or invalidity without their qualifying for an immediate or deferred retirement pension, shall be entitled, on leaving the service, to a severance grant equal to the actuarial value of their pension rights acquired during service in the institutions. In these cases the payments made in order to establish or maintain their pension rights under the national pension scheme in application of Articles 42 or 112 of the Conditions of Employment of other Servants shall be deducted from the severance grant.';

- (f) In Article 15 the words '63 years' shall be replaced by 'the pensionable age'.
- (fa) In Article 18a, the words 'age of 63 years' shall be replaced by 'pensionable age';
- (g) In the second paragraph of Article 27, the word 'adjusted' shall be replaced by 'updated';
- (h) Article 45 shall be modified as follows:
 - (i) In the third paragraph, the words 'Member State of residence' shall be replaced by 'European Union';
 - (ii) In the first sentence of the fourth paragraph, the words 'in the European Union or' shall be inserted after the word 'bank';
 - (iii) In the second sentence of the fourth paragraph, the words 'in euro into a bank in the country where the institution has its headquarters, or' shall be deleted;

51. Annex IX shall be amended as follows:

- (a) In Article 2(3), the word 'institutions' shall be replaced by 'appointing authority of each institution';
- (b) the first sentence of Article 5(1) shall be replaced by the following:

'A Disciplinary Board, hereinafter referred to as 'the Board', shall be established in each institution, unless two or more agencies decide, in accordance with paragraph 1a of Article 9 of the Staff Regulations, to set up a common Board.';
- (c) Article 30 shall be replaced by the following:

'Without prejudice to Article 2(3), the appointing authority of each institution shall, if it sees fit, adopt implementing arrangements for this Annex after consulting the Staff Committee';

52. Annex X shall be amended as follows:

- (-a) Article 6 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 6

An official shall, per calendar year, be entitled to annual leave of two working days for each month of service.

Notwithstanding the above, officials posted in a third country on [the date of entry into force of this Regulation] shall be entitled to:

- three working days from 1 January 2014 until 31 December 2014;
- two and half working days from 1 January 2015 until 31 December 2015.';

(-aa) Article 7 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 7

In the year in which an official takes up or ceases to perform his duties in a third country, he shall be entitled to two working days leave for each complete month of service, to two working days for an incomplete month consisting of more than 15 days and to one working day for an incomplete month of 15 days or less.

Where an official, for reasons other than the requirements of the service, has not used up his annual leave before the end of the current calendar year, the amount of leave which may be carried over to the following year shall not exceed 14 working days.';

(-ab) In Article 8, the following paragraph shall be added:

'Officials who take part in professional training courses pursuant to Article 24a of the Staff Regulations and who have been granted rest leave pursuant to the first paragraph of this Article shall undertake, where appropriate, to combine their periods of professional training with their rest leave.';

(-ac) Article 9(1) shall be replaced by the following:

'1. Annual leave may be taken all at once or in several periods, according to what the official desires and taking account of the requirements of the service. It must, however, include at least one period of two consecutive weeks.';

(-ad) Article 10 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 10

1. An allowance for living conditions shall be fixed, according to the official's place of employment, as a percentage of a reference amount. This reference amount shall comprise the total basic salary, plus the expatriation allowance, household allowance and dependent child allowance, less the compulsory deductions referred to in the Staff Regulations or in the regulations adopted to implement them.

Where an official is employed in a country in which living conditions can be deemed equivalent to those normally obtaining in the European Union, no such allowance shall be payable.

In the case of other places of employment, the allowance for living conditions shall be fixed taking into account, amongst others, the following parameters:

- health and hospital environment

- security
- climate
- degree of isolation
- other local living conditions.

The allowance for living conditions fixed for each place of employment shall be reviewed and, where appropriate, adjusted each year by the appointing authority after the opinion of the Staff Committee has been obtained.

The appointing authority may decide to grant a supplementary premium in addition to the allowance for living conditions in cases where an official has had more than one assignment to a place of employment considered difficult or very difficult. This supplementary premium shall not exceed 5% of the reference amount referred to in the first subparagraph and the appointing authority shall duly motivate its individual decisions in order to respect equality of treatment, basing itself on the difficulty level of the previous assignment.

2. If living conditions at the place of employment are such as to put the official at personal risk, a temporary additional allowance shall be paid to him by special reasoned decision of the appointing authority. This allowance shall be fixed as a percentage of the reference amount referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph 1:

- where the authority recommends to staff not to settle their families or other dependants in the place of employment, provided that they follow that recommendation;
- where the authority decides to reduce temporarily the number of staff serving in the place of employment.

In duly justified cases, the appointing authority may also determine that a post is a non-family posting. The above-mentioned allowance shall be paid to staff members who respect that determination.

3. Detailed provisions for the application of this Article shall be decided by the appointing authority.;

- (a) In the first sentence of Article 11, the word 'Belgium' shall be replaced by 'the European Union';
- (b) Article 13 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 13

In order to ensure as far as possible that officials enjoy equivalent purchasing power irrespective of their place of employment, the weighting referred to in Article 12 shall be updated once a year in accordance with Annex XI. With respect to the update, all values shall be understood as reference values. The Commission shall be responsible for the publication of the updated values within two weeks after the

update in the C series of the Official Journal of the European Union for information purposes.

Where however, in the case of a given country, the variation in the cost of living measured on the basis of the weighting and the corresponding exchange rate is found to have exceeded 5 % since the last update, an interim update for adjusting the weighting in accordance with the procedure laid down in the first paragraph shall take place.';

(ba) Article 23 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 23

On the basis of a list of countries to be defined by the appointing authority, and where the official is not provided with accommodation by the institution, the appointing authority shall either pay the official an accommodation allowance or reimburse the rent paid by the official.

The accommodation allowance shall be paid under presentation of a tenant contract unless the appointing authority waives this obligation for duly motivated reasons linked to practices and local conditions in third countries' place of employment. The accommodation allowance shall be calculated depending primarily on the official's level of duties and subsequently on the composition of his dependent family.

The rent shall be reimbursed, provided that the accommodation has been expressly authorised by the appointing authority and corresponds primarily to the official's level of duties and subsequently to the composition of his dependent family.

Detailed rules for the application of this Article shall be laid down by the appointing authority. This accommodation allowance shall not exceed in any case the costs incurred by the official.';

53. Annex XI shall be replaced by the following:

'Annex XI

Rules for implementing Articles 64 and 65 of the Staff Regulations

CHAPTER 1

ANNUAL UPDATE OF REMUNERATION PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 65(1) OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS

SECTION 1

FACTORS DETERMINING ANNUAL UPDATES

Article 1

1. *Report from the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat)*

For the purposes of the update provided for in Article 65(1) of the Staff Regulations and in Article 13 of Annex X, Eurostat shall draw up every year before the end of October a report on changes in the cost of living in Belgium and Luxembourg, the economic parities between Brussels and certain places in the Member States and in third countries where necessary, and changes in the purchasing power of salaries in national civil services in central government.

2. *Changes in the cost of living Belgium and Luxembourg*

Eurostat shall draw up an index to measure changes in the cost of living for officials of the Union in Belgium and Luxembourg. This index (hereinafter the "Joint Index") shall be calculated by weighting national inflation (HICP in the case of Belgium and CPI in the case of Luxembourg) between June of the previous year and June of the current year according to the distribution of the staff serving in those countries.

3. *Changes in the cost of living outside Brussels (economic parities)*

(a) Eurostat shall, in agreement with national statistical institutes or other appropriate authorities in the Member States, calculate the economic parities which establish the equivalence of purchasing power:

- (i) of the salaries of officials of the Union serving in the capitals of the Member States, except for the Netherlands where The Hague is used instead of Amsterdam, and in certain other places of employment with reference to Brussels,
- (ii) of the pensions of officials paid in the Member States with reference to Belgium.

(b) The economic parities shall refer to the month of June each year.

(c) The economic parities shall be calculated in such a way that each basic component can be updated twice per year and checked by a direct survey at least once every five years. Eurostat shall update the economic parities using the change in the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices of the Member States and the most appropriate indices as defined by the Working Group on Articles 64 and 65 of the Staff Regulations referred to in Article 13.

(d) Outside Belgium and Luxembourg, changes in the cost of living during the reference period shall be measured by the implicit indices. These indices are calculated by multiplying the Joint Index by the change in the economic parity.

4. *Changes in the purchasing power of salaries of national civil servants in central government (specific indicators)*

(a) For the purpose of measuring the percentage change, either upward or downward, in the purchasing power of salaries in the national civil services, Eurostat shall, on the basis of information supplied before the end of September by the national statistical institutes or other appropriate authorities in the Member States as defined in Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European Statistics (hereinafter "statistical institutes or other appropriate authorities in the Member States"), calculate specific indicators reflecting changes in the real remuneration of civil servants in central government, between the month of

July of the previous year and the month of July of the current year. The two should include one twelfth of all annually-paid elements.

The specific indicators shall take two forms:

- (i) one indicator for each of the function groups as they are defined in the Staff Regulations,
- (ii) an average indicator weighted to reflect the number of national civil servants corresponding to each function group.

Each of these indicators shall be established in real gross and real net terms. For the transition from gross to net, account shall be taken of statutory deductions and general taxation factors.

To establish the gross and net indicators for the European Union total, Eurostat shall use a sample composed by the following Member States: Belgium, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Sweden and United Kingdom. The European Parliament and the Council, acting on a Commission proposal under Article 336 TFEU, may adopt a new sample which represents at least 75 % of the European Union GDP and which will apply from the year following its adoption. The results per country shall be weighted in proportion to the appropriate national GDP aggregate measured using purchasing power parities as shown in the most recent statistics published in accordance with the national accounts definitions in the European System of Accounts currently in force.

- (b) At the request of Eurostat, the national statistical institutes or other appropriate authorities in the Member States shall supply it with the additional information which it considers necessary in order to draw up a specific indicator accurately measuring changes in the purchasing power of national civil servants.

If, after further consultation of the national statistical offices, institutes or other appropriate authorities in the Member States, Eurostat finds statistical anomalies in the information obtained or finds it impossible to draw up indicators which measure with statistical accuracy the changes in the real income of civil servants in a given Member State, it shall report to the Commission and provide it with all the material it needs to make an assessment.

- (c) Besides the specific indicators, Eurostat shall calculate appropriate control indicators. One such indicator shall be in the form of data on real per capita emoluments in central government, drawn up in accordance with the national accounts definitions in the European System of Accounts currently in force.

The Eurostat report on the specific indicators shall be accompanied by comments on the differences between these indicators and the above-mentioned control indicators.

Article 2

For the purpose of Article 15 of this Annex the Commission shall regularly survey the recruitment needs of the institutions.

SECTION 2

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL UPDATE OF REMUNERATION AND PENSIONS

Article 3

1. Under Article 65 of the Staff Regulations, on the basis of the criteria set out in Section 1 of this Annex, the remuneration and pensions shall be updated before the end of each year, with effect from 1 July.

2. The amount of the update shall be obtained by multiplying the Joint Index by the specific indicator. The update shall be in net terms as a uniform across-the-board percentage.

3. The amount of the update thus fixed shall be incorporated, in accordance with the following method, in the basic salary tables appearing in Article 66 of the Staff Regulations and in Annex XIII to the Staff Regulations and in Articles 20 and 93 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants:

- (a) the net remuneration and net pension without correction coefficient shall be increased or reduced by the annual update referred to above,
- (b) the new table of basic salaries shall be drawn up by calculating the gross amount which, after deduction of tax having regard to paragraph 4 and compulsory deductions for social security and pension contributions, corresponds to the net amount,
- (c) the conversion of net amounts into gross amounts shall be based on the situation of an unmarried official who does not receive the allowances provided for in the Staff Regulations.

4. For the purposes of applying Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 260/68, the amounts in Article 4 of that Regulation shall be multiplied by a factor composed of:

- (a) the factor resulting from the previous update, and/or
- (b) the rate of update of remuneration referred to in paragraph 2.

5. No correction coefficient shall be applicable in Belgium and Luxembourg. The correction coefficients shall be applicable:

- (a) to the salaries of officials of the European Union serving in the other Member States and in certain other places of employment,
- (b) by way of derogation from Article 82(1) of the Staff Regulations, to European Union pensions paid in the other Member States for the part corresponding to the rights acquired before 1 May 2004. European Union pensions paid for the

part corresponding to the acquired rights acquired as of 1 May 2004 shall be determined on the basis of the ratios between the corresponding economic parities referred to in Article 1 of this Annex and the exchange rates specified in Article 63 of the Staff Regulations for the relevant countries.

The procedures laid down in Article 8 of this Annex concerning the retrospective application of correction coefficients in places of employment with a high rate of inflation shall apply.

6. The institutions shall make the corresponding positive or negative update to the remuneration and pensions of the officials, former officials and other persons concerned with retroactive effect for the period between the effective date and the date of entry into force of the next update.

If this retroactive update necessitates the recovery of sums overpaid, such recovery may be spread over a period of not more than twelve months from the date of entry into force of the next annual update.

CHAPTER 2

INTERMEDIATE UPDATES OF REMUNERATION AND PENSIONS (ARTICLE 65(2) OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS)

Article 4

1. Intermediate update of remuneration and pensions pursuant to Article 65(2) of the Staff Regulations, taking effect on 1 January, shall be made in the event of a substantial change in the cost of living between June and December (by reference to the sensitivity threshold defined in Article 6 of this Annex) and with due allowance being made for the forecast of the change in purchasing power during the current annual reference period.

2. These intermediate updates shall be taken into account in the annual salary update.

Article 5

1. In March each year Eurostat shall make a forecast of changes in purchasing power over the period concerned on the basis of the information supplied at the meeting provided for in Article 13 of this Annex.

If this forecast produces a negative percentage, half of this percentage shall be taken into account in the calculation of the intermediate update.

2. The change in the cost of living for Belgium and Luxembourg shall be measured by the Joint Index for the period from June to December of the previous calendar year.

3. For each place for which a correction coefficient has been set (other than Belgium and Luxembourg), an estimate for December of the economic parities mentioned in Article 1(3) shall be calculated. The change in the cost of living shall be calculated according to the rules set out in Article 1(3).

Article 6

1. The sensitivity threshold for the six-month period mentioned in Article 5(2) of this Annex shall be the percentage corresponding to 6 % for a 12 month period.
2. The threshold shall be applied in accordance with the following procedure, subject to application of the second subparagraph of Article 5(1) of this Annex:
 - (a) if the sensitivity threshold is reached or exceeded in Belgium and Luxembourg (as measured by the Joint Index between June and December), the remuneration for all places shall be updated following the annual update procedure,
 - (b) if the sensitivity threshold is not reached in Belgium and Luxembourg, only the correction coefficients of places where the change in the cost of living (as measured by the implicit indices between June and December) has exceeded the threshold shall be updated.

Article 7

For the purposes of Article 6 of this Annex:

The amount of the update shall be the Joint Index, multiplied, where appropriate, by half of the specific indicator forecast if this is negative.

Correction coefficients shall be the ratio between the relevant economic parity and the exchange rate provided for in Article 63 of the Staff Regulations, multiplied, if the update threshold is not reached for Belgium and Luxembourg, by the value of the update.

CHAPTER 3

DATE ON WHICH A CORRECTION COEFFICIENT COMES INTO EFFECT (PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT WITH A HIGH COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE)

Article 8

1. For places with a high cost-of-living increase (as measured by the change in the implicit indices), the correction coefficient shall come into effect before 1 January in the case of the intermediate update, or 1 July in the case of the annual update. This is so as to bring the loss in purchasing power into line with what it would be in a place of employment where the change in the cost of living corresponded to the sensitivity threshold.
2. The effective dates for the annual update shall be as follows:
 - (a) 16 May for places of employment having an inflation higher than 6 %, and
 - (b) 1 May for places of employment having an inflation higher than 10 %.

3. The effective dates for the intermediate update shall be as follows:

- (a) 16 November for places of employment having an inflation higher than 6 %, and
- (b) 1 November for places of employment having an inflation higher than 10 %.

CHAPTER 4

CREATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF CORRECTION COEFFICIENTS (ARTICLE 64 OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS)

Article 9

1. The appropriate authorities of the Member States concerned, the administration of an institution of the European Union or the representatives of officials of the European Union in a given place of employment can request the creation of a correction coefficient specific to that place.

This request should be supported by objective factors revealing an appreciable difference over some years in the cost of living between that place of employment and the capital of the Member State concerned (except for the Netherlands where The Hague is used instead of Amsterdam). If Eurostat confirms that the difference is appreciable (more than 5 %) and sustainable, the Commission shall enact, by means of delegated acts in accordance with Articles 110a and 110b of the Staff Regulations, a correction coefficient for that place.

2. The Commission shall decide, by means of delegated acts in accordance with Articles 110a and 110b of the Staff Regulations, to withdraw the application of a correction coefficient specific to a certain place. In that case the decision shall be based on one of the following:

- (a) a request by the appropriate authorities of the Member State concerned, the administration of an institution of the European Union or the representatives of officials of the European Union in a given place of employment showing that the cost of living in that place is no longer significantly different (less than 2 %) than that of the capital of the Member State concerned. This convergence should be sustainable and validated by Eurostat,
- (b) the fact that there are no longer any officials and temporary staff of the European Union employed in that place.

CHAPTER 5

MODERATION AND EXCEPTION CLAUSES

Article 10

The value of the specific indicator used for the annual update shall be subject to an upper limit of 2% and a lower limit of -2%. If the value of the specific indicator exceeds the upper limit or is below the lower limit, then the value of the limit shall be used to calculate the update value.

The preceding paragraph shall not apply when Article 11 applies.

The remainder of the annual update resulting from the difference between the update value calculated with the specific indicator and the update value calculated with the limit shall be applied as from 1 April of the following year.

Article 11

1. If there is a decrease in the real gross domestic product of the European Union for the current year as forecast by the Commission and the specific indicator is positive, only part of the specific indicator shall be used to calculate the value of the update. The remainder of the update value corresponding to the remainder of the specific indicator shall be applied as from a later date in the following year. This remainder of the update value shall not be taken into account for the purpose of Article 10. The value of the gross domestic product, the consequences in terms of split of the specific indicator, and the application date are defined in accordance with the following table:

Gross Domestic Product	Consequences on the specific indicator	Date of payment of the second part
[-0,1 % ; -1 %]	33 % ; 67 %	1 April of year n + 1
] -1 % ; -3 %]	0 %; 100 %	1 April of year n + 1
below -3 %	0 %	-

2. In case there is a gap between the forecast mentioned in the table under paragraph 1 and the final data on gross domestic product made available by the Commission and these final data would modify the consequences as laid down in that table, the necessary corrections, including retroactive adjustments, either positive or negative, shall take place in accordance with the same table.

3. Any updated reference amount resulting from a correction shall be published by the Commission in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union* for information purposes.

4. When the application of paragraph 1 has led to the fact that the value of the specific indicator did not serve the update of the remunerations and the pensions, this latter value shall form the basis of the calculation of a future update once the cumulative increase of gross domestic product in the Union measured from the year where paragraph 1 was applied becomes positive. In any case the value mentioned in the first sentence shall be subject by analogy to the limits and the principles laid down in Article 10 of this Annex. The gross domestic product evolution shall be regularly measured by Eurostat for this purpose.

5. If relevant, the legal consequences resulting from the application of Article 10 and this Article shall continue to have full effect even after the date of expiry of this Annex as referred to in Article 15.

CHAPTER 6

ROLE OF EUROSTAT AND RELATIONS WITH THE STATISTICAL INSTITUTES OR OTHER APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE MEMBER STATES

Article 12

It shall be the task of Eurostat to monitor the quality of basic data and statistical methods used to work out the factors taken into account for the update of remuneration. In particular, it shall make any assessments or carry out any studies required for such monitoring.

Article 13

In March each year Eurostat shall convene a working group composed of experts from the statistical offices of the Member States to be known as the 'Working Group on Article 64 and 65 of the Staff Regulations'.

At this meeting, the statistical methodology and its implementation concerning specific and control indicators, the joint index and economic parities shall be examined.

The information required to produce a forecast of changes in purchasing power for the purposes of the intermediate update of remuneration shall also be provided, together with the data on working hours in central government departments.

Article 14

At the request of Eurostat, Member States shall inform Eurostat of any factors having a direct or indirect impact on the composition and changes in the remuneration of central government civil servants.

CHAPTER 7

FINAL PROVISION AND REVIEW CLAUSE

Article 15

1. The provisions of this Annex shall apply from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2023.

2. Before 31 March 2022 the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council. The report shall have regard to the survey conducted under Article 2 of this Annex and assess whether, in particular, the evolution of purchasing power of remuneration and pensions of EU officials is in accordance with the changes of the purchasing power of salaries in national civil services in central governments. On the basis of this report, if appropriate, the Commission shall submit a proposal to amend this Annex as well as Article 66a on the basis of Article 336 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

3. As long as the European Parliament and the Council have not adopted a Regulation on a Commission proposal, this Annex and Article 66a shall continue to apply provisionally beyond the expiry dates laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article and in Article 66a of the Staff Regulations.

4. At the end of 2018 the Commission shall submit an interim report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of this Annex and Article 66a of the Staff Regulations.';

54. Annex XII shall be amended as follows:

(a) Article 2 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 2

1. Any update of the contribution rate shall take effect on 1 July at the same time as the annual update of remuneration under Article 65 of the Staff Regulations. Any update shall not lead to a contribution being more than one percentage point above or below the valid rate of the previous year.

2. The difference established between the adjustment of the contribution rate which would have resulted from the actuarial calculation and the update resulting from the variation referred to in last sentence on paragraph 1 shall not be recovered at any time, or, consequently, taken into account in subsequent actuarial calculations. The contribution rate which would have resulted from the actuarial calculation shall be mentioned in the assessment report provided for in Article 1 of this Annex.';

(b) In Article 4(6), the words '12-year' shall be replaced by '30-year';

(c) In Articles 10(2) and 11(2) the words '12 years' shall be replaced by '30 years';

(d) deleted

(e) After Article 11 the following Article shall be inserted:

'Article 11a

Until 2020, for the application of Articles 4(6), 10(2) and 11(2) of this Annex, the moving average shall be calculated on the basis of the following time scale:

In 2014 – 16 years	In 2018 – 24 years
In 2015 – 18 years	In 2019 – 26 years
In 2016 – 20 years	In 2020 – 28 years';
In 2017 – 22 years	

(f) Article 12 shall be replaced as follows:

'Article 12

The rate in Articles 4 and 8 of Annex VIII for the calculation of compound interest shall be the effective rate referred to in Article 10 of this Annex and shall, if necessary, be updated on the occasion of the five-yearly actuarial assessments.

The Commission shall be responsible for the publication of the updated effective rate within two weeks after the update in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union* for information purposes.';

(g) Article 14 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 14

1. In 2022 the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council. The report shall have regard to the budgetary implications of the present Annex and assess the actuarial balance of the pension system. On the basis of this report, if appropriate, the Commission will submit a proposal to amend this Annex.
2. In 2018 the Commission shall submit an interim report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of this Annex.';

55. Annex XIII shall be amended as follows:

- (a) Deleted;
 - (b) Articles 10, 14 to 17 and 18(2) shall be deleted;
 - (c) In Article 18(1), the word 'adjusted' shall be replaced by 'updated' and the word 'adjustment' shall be replaced by 'update';
- (ca) Article 19 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 19

Notwithstanding [Articles of the amending regulation modifying the below legal bases in the SR], Articles 63, 64, 65, 82 and 83a of the Staff Regulations, Annexes XI and XII thereto and Articles 20(1), 64, 92 and 132 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants as in force before [the date of

entry into force of this Regulation] shall continue to be in force exclusively for the purpose of any adjustment required to comply with a judgment of European Courts under Article 266 TFEU on the application of those articles.';

(d) Article 20 shall be amended as follows:

(i) Paragraph 2 shall be deleted;

(ii) The second subparagraph of paragraph 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'Their pensions shall be subject to the correction coefficient only if the residence of the official coincides with their last place of employment or with the country of their place of origin within the meaning of Article 7(3) of Annex VII. However, for family or medical reasons, officials receiving a pension may request the appointing authority to change their place of origin; this decision shall be taken on production by the official concerned of appropriate supporting evidence.';

(iii) The following subparagraph shall be inserted after the second subparagraph of paragraph 3:

'The minimum economic parity referred to in point (b) of Article 3(5) of Annex XI shall be 1.';

(iv) After paragraph 3, the following paragraph shall be inserted:

'3a. For officials recruited before 1 January 2014 the third subparagraph of paragraph 3 shall apply.';

(v) The last sentence of paragraph 4 shall be deleted.;

(da) Article 21 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 21

Notwithstanding the second sentence of the second paragraph of Article 77 of the Staff Regulations, officials who entered the service before 1 May 2004 shall be entitled to 2% of their salary referred to therein for every year of pensionable service calculated in accordance with Article 3 of Annex VIII.

Officials who entered the service from 1 May 2004 until 31 December 2013 shall be entitled to 1,9 % of their salary referred to therein for every year of pensionable service calculated in accordance with Article 3 of Annex VIII.';

(e) Article 22 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 22

1. Officials with 20 or more years' service on 1 May 2004 shall become entitled to a retirement pension when they reach the age of 60.

Officials aged 35 years or more on 1 May 2014 and who entered the service before 1 January 2014 shall become entitled to a retirement pension at the age shown in the table below:

Age on 1 May 2014	Pensionable age	Age on 1 May 2014	Pensionable age
60 years and above	60 years	47 years	62 years 6 months
59 years	60 years 2 months	46 years	62 years 8 months
58 years	60 years 4 months	45 years	62 years 10 months
57 years	60 years 6 months	44 years	63 years 2 months
56 years	60 years 8 months	43 years	63 years 4 months
55 years	61 years	42 years	63 years 6 months
54 years	61 years 2 months	41 years	63 years 8 months
53 years	61 years 4 months	40 years	63 years 10 months
52 years	61 years 6 months	39 years	64 years 3 months
51 years	61 years 8 months	38 years	64 years 4 months
50 years	61 years 11 months	37 years	64 years 5 months
49 years	62 years 2 months	36 years	64 years 6 months
48 years	62 years 4 months	35 years	64 years 8 months

Officials aged less than 35 years on 1 May 2014 shall become entitled to a retirement pension at the age of 65 years.

However, for officials aged 45 years or more on 1 May 2014 who entered the service between 1 May 2004 and 31 December 2013, the pensionable age shall remain 63 years.

For officials in service before 1 January 2014 the pensionable age to be taken into consideration for all references to the pensionable age in these Staff Regulations shall be determined in accordance with the above provisions, save as otherwise provided in these Staff Regulations.

2. Notwithstanding Article 2 of Annex VIII, officials who enter the service before 1 January 2014 and remain in service after the age at which they would have become entitled to a retirement pension shall be entitled to an additional increase of 2,5 % of their final basic salary for each year worked after that age, provided that their total pension does not exceed 70 % of final basic salary within the meaning of the second or third paragraph of Article 77 of the Staff Regulations, as the case may be.

However, for officials aged 50 years or over or with 20 or more years' service on 1 May 2004, the increase in pension provided for in the previous subparagraph shall not be less than 5 % of the amount of the pension rights acquired at the age of 60.

The increase shall also be granted in the event of death, if the official has remained in service beyond the age at which he became entitled to a retirement pension.

If, pursuant to Annex IVa, an official who enters the service before 1 January 2014 and working part-time contributes to the pension scheme in proportion to the time worked, the increase in pension entitlements provided for in this Article shall be applied only in the same proportion.

3. If the official retires before reaching the pensionable age as laid down in this Article, only half of the reduction laid down in Article 9(1)(b) of Annex VIII, shall be applied for the period between the age of 60 and the pensionable age.

4. By way of derogation from the second subparagraph of paragraph 1 of the Sole Article of Annex IV, an official to whom a pensionable age of less than 65 years applies in accordance with paragraph 1 shall receive the allowance provided for in that Annex under the conditions laid down therein until the day on which the official reaches his pensionable age.

However, above that age and up to the age of 65 years the official shall continue to receive the allowance until he reaches the maximum retirement pension unless Article 42c of the Staff Regulations applied.;

(f) Article 23 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 23

'1. When Article 52(a) of the Staff Regulations applies and without prejudice to the provisions of Article 50, an official in service before 1 January 2014 shall be retired automatically on the last day of the month in which he reaches the age of 65. For officials in service before 1 January 2014, the terms 'age of 66' and 'age 66' in Article 78, second paragraph, and Article 81a point (b) of the Staff Regulations and in Article 12(1)(b) of Annex VIII shall be replaced by 'age of 65' and 'age 65'.

2. Notwithstanding Article 52 of the Staff Regulations, officials who entered the service before 1 January 2014 and who leave the service before the age at which they would have become entitled to a retirement pension in accordance with Article 22 of this Annex may request the second subparagraph of point (b) of Article 9(1) of Annex VIII to be applied

(a) until 31 December 2015 at the age of 55

(b) until 31 December 2016 at the age of 57.

3. By derogation to the last paragraph of Article 50 of the Staff Regulations, an official who retires in the interest of the service in accordance with Article 50, paragraph 1 of the Staff Regulations shall be entitled to receive the payment of a pension under Article 9 of Annex VIII in accordance with the table below:

Date of the decision under Article 50(1)	Age
Before 1 January 2017	55 years
After 31 December 2016	58 years

;

(g) After Article 24, the following article shall be inserted:

'Article 24a

In the case of a pension determined before 1 January 2014, the recipient's pension entitlement shall continue to be determined after that date in accordance with the rules applied when the entitlement was initially determined. The same applies to the cover under the joint sickness insurance scheme.';

- (h) Article 28 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 28

1. The servants referred to in Article 2 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants who were under contract on 1 May 2004 and who are appointed as officials after that date and before 1 January 2014 shall, on retirement, be entitled to an actuarial adjustment of the pension rights they acquired as temporary servants which takes into account the change in their pensionable age within the meaning of Article 77 of the Staff Regulations.

2. The servants referred to in Article 2 and Articles 3a and 3b of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants who are under contract on 1 January 2014 and are appointed as officials after that date shall, on retirement, be entitled to an actuarial adjustment of the pension rights they acquired as temporary or contract staff which takes into account the change in their pensionable age referred to in Article 77 of the Staff Regulations, in case they are at least 35 years old on 1 May 2014.';

- (i) After Section 4, the following Section shall be added:

'Section 5

Article 30

1. By way of derogation from Annex I, Section A, point 2, the following table of types of posts in function group AD shall apply to officials in service on 31 December 2013:

Director-General	AD 15 – AD 16
Director	AD 14 – AD 15
Head of Unit or equivalent	AD 9 – AD 14
Adviser or equivalent	AD 13 – AD 14
Senior Administrator in transition	AD 14
Administrator in transition	AD 13
Administrator	AD 5 – AD 12

2. With effect from 1 January 2014, the appointing authority shall classify officials in service on 31 December 2013 in function group AD in types of posts as follows:

- (a) Officials who were in grade AD 14 on 31 December 2013 and who were not Director or equivalent, Head of Unit or equivalent or Adviser or equivalent shall be assigned to the type of post "Senior Administrator in transition".
- (b) Officials who were in grade AD 13 on 31 December 2013 and who were not Head of Unit or equivalent or Adviser or equivalent shall be assigned to the type of post "Administrator in transition".
- (c) Officials who were in grades AD 9 to AD 14 on 31 December 2013 and who were Head of Unit or equivalent shall be assigned to the type of post "Head of Unit or equivalent".
- (d) Officials who were in grades AD 13 or AD 14 on 31 December 2013 and who were Adviser or equivalent shall be assigned to the type of post "Adviser or equivalent".
- (e) Officials who were in grades AD 5 to AD 12 on 31 December 2013 and who were not Head of Unit or equivalent shall be assigned to the type of post "Administrator".

3. By derogation to paragraph 2, officials in grades AD 9 to AD 14 holding special responsibilities may be assigned by the appointing authority before 31 December 2015 to the type of post "Head of Unit or equivalent" or "Adviser or equivalent". Each appointing authority shall lay down provisions to give effect to this Article. However, the total number of officials benefiting from this provision shall not exceed 5% of the officials in function group AD on 31 December 2013.

4. The assignment to a type of post shall be valid until the official is assigned to a new function corresponding to another type of post.

5. Provided they satisfy the conditions laid down in the first paragraph of Article 44, officials in grade AD12, step 5, holding a post of Administrator shall, as from 1 January 2016, receive an increase in basic salary equivalent to the difference between the salary corresponding to grade AD12, step 4, and grade AD12, step 3.

6. Provided they satisfy the conditions laid down in the first paragraph of Article 44, officials in grade AD12, step 5, holding a post of Administrator and benefiting from the measure in paragraph 5 shall receive after two years an additional increase in basic salary equivalent to the difference between the salary corresponding to grade AD12, step 5, and grade AD12, step 4.

7. By derogation to paragraph 5, the following provisions shall apply to officials in grade AD 12 holding a post of Administrator, recruited before 1 May 2004 and who have not been promoted between 1 May 2004 and 31 December 2013:

- a) provided they satisfy the conditions laid down in the first paragraph of Article 44, officials in step 8, shall as from 1 January 2016, receive an increase in basic salary equivalent to the difference between the salary corresponding to grade AD12, step 4, and grade AD12, step 3.
- b) provided they benefit from the measure in (i), officials in step 8 shall receive after two years an additional increase in basic salary equivalent to

the difference between the salary corresponding to grade AD12, step 5, and grade AD12, step 4.

8. Provided they satisfy the conditions laid down in the first paragraph of Article 44, officials in grade AD13, step 5, holding a post of Administrator in transition shall, as from 1 January 2016, receive an increase in basic salary equivalent to the difference between the salary corresponding to grade AD13, step 4, and grade AD13, step 3.

9. Provided they satisfy the conditions laid down in the first paragraph of Article 44, officials in grade AD13, step 5, holding a post of Administrator in transition and benefiting from the measure in paragraph 8 shall receive after two years an additional increase in basic salary equivalent to the difference between the salary corresponding to grade AD13, step 5, and grade AD13, step 4.

10. Officials receiving the increase in basic salary provided for in paragraphs 5 to 9 and subsequently appointed Head of Unit or equivalent or Advisor or equivalent in the same grade shall keep such increase in basic salary.

11. By derogation to the first sentence of Article 46, officials appointed to the next higher grade and benefiting from the increase in basic salary provided for in paragraph 5, 6, 8 and 9 shall be placed in the second step of that grade. They shall lose the benefit of the increase of basic salary provided for in paragraphs 5, 6, 8 and 9.

12. The increase of basic salary in paragraph 7 shall not be paid after promotion and shall not be included in the basis used for determining the increase in basic monthly salary referred to in Article 7(5) of this Annex.

Article 31

1. By way of derogation from Annex I, Section A, point 2, the following table of types of posts in function group AST shall apply to officials in service on 31 December 2013:

Senior Assistant in transition	AST 10 – AST 11
Assistant in transition	AST 1 – AST 9
Administrative Assistant in transition	AST 1 – AST 7
Support Agent in transition	AST 1 – AST 5

2. With effect from 1 January 2014, the appointing authority shall classify officials in service on 31 December 2013 in function group AST in types of posts as follows:

(a) Officials who were in grade AST 10 or AST 11 on 31 December 2013 shall be assigned to the type of post "Senior Assistant in transition".

- (b) Officials not covered by point (a) who were before 1 May 2004 in the former category B or who were before 1 May 2004 in the former category C or D and have become member of function group AST without restriction as well as AST officials recruited since 1 May 2004 shall be assigned to the type of post "Assistant in transition".
- (c) Officials not covered by points (a) and (b) who were before 1 May 2004 in the former category C shall be assigned to the type of post "Administrative Assistant in transition".
- (d) Officials not covered by points (a) and (b) who were before 1 May 2004 in the former category D shall be assigned to the type of post "Support Agent in transition".

4. The assignment to a type of post shall be valid until the official is assigned to a new function corresponding to another type of post. Administrative Assistants in transition and Support agents in transition may be assigned to the type of post of Assistant as defined in Annex I, Section A, only in accordance with the procedure laid down in Articles 4 and 29(1) of the Staff Regulations. Promotion shall only be allowed within the career streams corresponding to each type of post indicated in paragraph 1

5. By way of derogation from Article 6(1) of the Staff Regulations and from Annex I, Section B, the number of vacant positions in the next higher grade required for promotion purposes shall be calculated separately for Support Agents in transition. The following multiplication rates shall apply:

	Grade	Rate
Support Agents in transition	5	-
	4	10 %
	3	22 %
	2	22 %
	1	-

As far as Support Agents in transition are concerned, comparative merits for the purposes of promotion (Article 45(1) of the Staff Regulations) shall be considered between eligible officials of the same grade and classification.

6. Administrative Assistants in transition and Support Agents in transition who were before 1 May 2004 in the former category C or D shall continue to be entitled either to compensatory leave or to remuneration, where the requirements of the service do not allow compensatory leave during the two months following that in which the overtime was worked, as provided for in Annex VI.

7. Officials who were authorised, on the basis of Article 55a(2)(e) of the Staff Regulations and Article 4 of Annex IVa to the Staff Regulations, to work part time for a period starting before 1 January 2014 and extending beyond that date may

continue to work part time under the same conditions during a maximum overall period of five years.

8. For officials whose pensionable age under Article 22 of this Annex is less than 66 years, the period of three years referred to in Article 55a(2)(e) of the Staff Regulations may exceed their pensionable age, without however exceeding the age of 66 years.

Article 32

By way of derogation from the first sentence of the fourth subparagraph of Article 1 of Annex II to the Staff Regulations, the representation of the function group AST/SC need not to be ensured in the Staff Committee until the next elections of a new Staff Committee at which the ASC/SC staff can be represented.;

Article 33

By way of derogation to Article 40(2) of the Staff Regulations, when an official has, on 31 December 2013, been on leave for more than ten years over the entire career, the total length of leave on personal grounds may not exceed 15 years in the course of the official's entire career.'

Article 2

The Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union shall be amended as follows:

1. The second indent of Article 1 shall be deleted.;
2. The following point shall be added to Article 2:

'(f) staff engaged to fill a post which is included in the list of posts appended to the section of the budget relating to an agency as referred to in Article 1a(2) of the Staff Regulations and which the budgetary authorities have classified as temporary, except heads of agencies and deputy heads of agencies as referred to in the European Union act establishing the agency and officials seconded in the interests of the service to an agency.');
3. Article 3 shall be deleted.;
4. In point (b) of Article 3b, point (i) shall be replaced by the following:

'Officials or temporary staff in function groups AST/SC and AST';;
5. In the first paragraph of Article 8, the terms 'Article 2(a)' shall be replaced by 'Article 2(a) or Article 2(f)';
6. Article 10(4) shall be deleted;
7. Article 11 shall be amended as follows:
 - (a) In the first sentence of the first paragraph, the number '26' shall be replaced by '26a';

(b) In the third paragraph, the word 'second' shall be replaced by 'third';

8. Article 12 shall be amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph 1 shall be replaced by the following:

'1. The engagement of temporary staff shall be directed to securing for the institution the services of persons of the highest standard of ability, efficiency and integrity, recruited on the broadest possible geographical basis from among nationals of Member States of the Union.

Temporary staff shall be selected without distinction as to race, political, philosophical or religious beliefs, sex or sexual orientation and without reference to their marital status or family situation.

No posts shall be reserved for nationals of any Member State. However, the principle of the equality of Union's citizens shall allow each institution to adopt appropriate measures following the observation of a significant imbalance between nationalities among temporary staff which is not justified by objective criteria. These appropriate measures must be justified and shall never result in recruitment criteria other than those based on merit. Before such appropriate measures are adopted, the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6 shall adopt general provisions for giving effect to this paragraph in accordance with Article 110 of the Staff Regulations.

After a three-year period starting on 1 January 2014, the Commission shall report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of the preceding paragraph.

In order to facilitate engagement on the broadest geographical basis, the institutions shall strive to support multilingual and multicultural education for the children of their staff;

(b) In paragraph 5, the word 'Each institution' shall be replaced by 'The authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6';

9. Article 14 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 14

1. A member of the temporary staff shall serve a nine month probationary period.

Where, during his probationary period, a member of the temporary staff is prevented, by sickness, maternity leave under Article 58 of the Staff Regulations, or accident, from performing his duties for a continuous period of at least one month, the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6 may extend his probationary period by the corresponding length of time. The total length of the probationary period shall in no circumstances exceed 15 months.

2. A report on the member of the temporary staff may be made at any time before the end of the probationary period if his work is proving obviously inadequate.

This report shall be communicated to the person concerned, who shall have the right to submit his comments in writing within a period of eight working days. The report

and the comments shall be transmitted immediately by the immediate superior of the member of the temporary staff to the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6. On the basis of the report, the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6 may decide to dismiss the member of the temporary staff before the end of the probationary period by giving him one month's notice, or to assign the member of the temporary staff to another department for the remaining time of the probationary period.

3. One month at the latest before the expiry of the probationary period, a report shall be made on the ability of the member of the temporary staff to perform the duties pertaining to his post and also on his efficiency and conduct in the service. This report shall be communicated to the member of the temporary staff, who shall have the right to submit his comments in writing within a period of eight working days.

Should it recommend dismissal or, in exceptional circumstances, extension of the probationary period in accordance with paragraph 1, the report and the comments shall be transmitted immediately by the immediate superior of the member of the temporary staff to the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6.

A member of the temporary staff whose work or conduct has not proved adequate for establishment in his post shall be dismissed.

The final decision shall be taken on the basis of the report referred to in paragraph 3 as well as on the basis of elements available to the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6 relating to the conduct of the member of the temporary staff with regard to Title II of the Staff Regulations.

4. A dismissed member of the temporary staff shall be entitled to compensation equal to one-third of his basic salary per month of probation completed.';

10. In paragraph 1 of Article 15, the following sentence shall be added to the first subparagraph:

'Members of the temporary staff graded in accordance with the grading criteria adopted by the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6 shall retain the seniority in the step acquired in that capacity if they are engaged as temporary staff in the same grade immediately following the preceding period of temporary service.';

10a Article 16 shall be replaced by the following:

Article 16

Articles 42a, 42b and 55 to 61 of the Staff Regulations, concerning leave, hours of work, overtime, shiftwork, standby duty at place of work or at home and public holidays, shall apply by analogy. Special leave and parental and family leave shall not extend beyond the term of the contract. In addition, Articles 41, 42, 45 and 46 of the Staff Regulations shall apply by analogy to the temporary servants referred to in Article 29 of Annex XIII to the Staff Regulations, irrespective of their date of engagement' contracts.

The paid sick leave provided for in Article 59 of the Staff Regulations shall not, however, exceed three months or the length of time worked by the member of the

temporary staff, where the latter is longer. The leave shall not extend beyond the term of his contract.

On expiry of these time limits, a servant whose contract is not terminated, notwithstanding that he is unable to resume his duties, shall be placed on unpaid leave.

However, where a servant contracts an occupational disease or sustains an accident in the performance of his duties, he shall continue to receive his full remuneration throughout the period during which he is incapable of working until such time as he is awarded an invalidity pension under Article 33.';

11. Article 17 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 17

In exceptional circumstances a member of the temporary staff may at his own request be granted unpaid leave on compelling personal grounds. Article 12b of the Staff Regulations shall continue to apply during the period of unpaid leave on personal grounds.

The permission under Article 12b shall not be granted to a member of the temporary staff for the purpose of his engaging in an occupational activity, whether gainful or not, which involves lobbying or advocacy vis-à-vis his institution and which could lead to the existence or possibility of a conflict with the legitimate interests of the institution.

The authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6 shall determine the length of such leave, which shall not exceed one quarter of the length of time already worked by the servant or:

- three months if the servant's seniority is less than four years;
- twelve months in all other cases.

Any period of leave granted in accordance with the preceding paragraph shall not count for the purposes of the first paragraph of Article 44 of the Staff Regulations.

While a member of the temporary staff is on unpaid leave his membership of the social security scheme provided for in Article 28 shall be suspended.

However, a member of the temporary staff who is not gainfully employed may, not later than one month following that in which unpaid leave begins, apply to continue to be covered against the risks referred to in Article 28, provided that he bears half the cost of the contributions provided for in that Article for the duration of his leave; the contribution shall be calculated by reference to his last basic salary.

Moreover, a member of the temporary staff to whom Article 2(c) or (d) applies who proves that he cannot acquire pension rights under another pension scheme may apply to continue to acquire further pension rights throughout the period of unpaid leave, provided that he bears the cost of a contribution equal to three times the rate laid down in Article 41; the contributions shall be calculated by reference to the basic salary for his grade and step.

Women whose maternity leave begins before the end of their contract shall be entitled to maternity leave and maternity pay.';

12. Article 20 shall be amended as follows:

(-a) In paragraph 1, the words 'adjustments to' shall be replaced by 'updates of';

(a) In paragraph 3, the words 'special levy' shall be replaced by 'solidarity levy';

(b) Paragraph 4 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 44 of the Staff Regulations shall apply by analogy to temporary staff.';

13. Article 28a shall be amended as follows:

(-a) In the last sentence of paragraph 3, the word 'adjusted' shall be replaced by 'updated';

(a) In paragraph 10 the word 'Institutions' shall be replaced by 'authorities referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6 of the Institutions';

(b) Paragraph 11 shall be replaced by the following:

'Every two years the Commission shall present a report on the financial situation of the unemployment insurance scheme. Independently of this report, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts in accordance with Articles 110a and 110b of the Staff Regulations, adjust the contributions provided for in paragraph 7 if this is necessary in the interests of the balance of the scheme.';

13a. In Article 33 the words "age of 65" shall be replaced by "age of 66".

14. Article 34 shall be replaced by the following:

Article 34

The persons entitled under a deceased servant, as defined in Chapter 4 of Annex VIII to the Staff Regulations, shall be entitled to the survivor's pension as provided for in Articles 35 to 38.

Where a former servant in receipt of an invalidity allowance or a former servant within the meaning of Article 2 (a), (c), (d), (e) or (f) who was in receipt of a retirement pension or who left the service before reaching the pensionable age and requested that his retirement pension be deferred until the first day of the calendar month following that during which he reached the pensionable age dies, the persons entitled under the deceased servant, as defined in Chapter 4 of Annex VIII to the Staff Regulations, shall be entitled to the survivor's pension as provided for in that Annex.

Where the whereabouts of a member of the temporary staff, or of a former member of temporary staff in receipt of an invalidity allowance or retirement pension, or of a former member of temporary staff who left the service before he reached the pensionable age and who has requested that his retirement pension be deferred until the first day of the calendar month following that in which he reaches the pensionable age, are unknown for more than one year, the provisions of Chapters 5

and 6 of Annex VIII to the Staff Regulations dealing with provisional pensions shall apply by analogy to his spouse and to persons recognised as his dependants.';

15. In the third sentence of Article 36, the words 'Article 2(a), (c) or (d)' shall be replaced by 'Article 2 (a), (c), (d), (e) or (f)';

16. In the fourth paragraph of Article 37, the words '63 years of age' shall be replaced by 'the pensionable age', and the words 'Article 2(a), (c) or (d)' shall be replaced by 'Article 2 (a), (c), (d), (e) or (f)';

17. Article 39(1) shall be replaced by the following:

'1. On leaving the service, a servant within the meaning of Article 2 shall be entitled to a retirement pension, transfer of the actuarial equivalent or the payment of the severance grant in accordance with Chapter 3 of Title V of, and Annex VIII to, the Staff Regulations. Where the servant is entitled to a retirement pension his pension rights shall be reduced in proportion to the amounts paid under Article 42.';

18. The first paragraph of Article 42 shall be replaced by the following:

'In accordance with conditions to be laid down by the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6, a servant may request this authority to effect any payments which he is required to make in order to constitute or maintain pension rights in his country of origin.';

19. Article 47 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 47

Apart from cessation on death, the employment of temporary staff shall cease:

(a) at the end of the month in which the servant reaches the age of 66 or, where applicable, at the date fixed in accordance with the second and third subparagraphs of Article 52 of the Staff Regulations; or

(b) where the contract is for a fixed period:

(i) on the date stated in the contract;

(ii) at the end of the period of notice specified in the contract giving the servant or the institution the option to terminate earlier. The period of notice shall not be less than one month per year of service, subject to a minimum of one month and a maximum of three months. For temporary staff whose contracts have been renewed the maximum shall be six months. The period of notice shall not, however, commence to run during pregnancy if confirmed by a medical certificate, maternity leave or sick leave, provided such sick leave does not exceed three months. It shall, moreover, be suspended during pregnancy if confirmed by a medical certificate, maternity or sick leave subject to the limits aforesaid. If the institution terminates the contract, the servant shall be entitled to compensation equal to one-third of his basic salary for the period between the date when his duties end and the date when his contract expires;

(iii) where the servant no longer satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 12(2), point (a), subject to the possibility of authorising an exception under that provision. Should the exception not be authorised, the period of notice referred to in subpoint (ii) of this point (b) shall apply; or

(c) where the contract is for an indefinite period:

(i) at the end of the period of notice stipulated in the contract; the length of the period of notice shall not be less than one month for each completed year of service, subject to a minimum of three months and a maximum of 10 months. The period of notice shall not, however, commence to run during pregnancy if confirmed by a medical certificate, maternity leave or sick leave, provided such sick leave does not exceed three months. It shall, moreover, be suspended during pregnancy if confirmed by a medical certificate, maternity or sick leave subject to the limits aforesaid; or

(ii) where the servant no longer satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 12(2), point (a), subject to the possibility of authorising an exception under that provision. Should the exception not be authorised, the period of notice referred to in subpoint (i) of this point (c) shall apply.';

19a After Article 48, the following Article is inserted:

'Article 48a

In any given parliamentary term Article 50 of the Staff Regulation may be applied by analogy to a maximum of five members of senior temporary staff of political groups in the European Parliament who are in grade AD 15 or AD 16, provided that they attained the age of fifty-five years, have twenty years of service in the European institutions and at least 2,5 years of seniority in their last grade.';

20. Article 50c(2) shall be deleted;

21. The following Chapter shall be added to Title II:

'Chapter 11

Special provisions for members of temporary staff referred to in Article 2(f)

Article 51

Article 37, with the exception of point (b) of the first paragraph, and Article 38 of the Staff Regulations shall apply by analogy to members of the temporary staff referred to in Article 2(f).

Article 52

By way of derogation from the second sentence of the first paragraph of Article 17, members of temporary staff referred to in Article 2(f) with a contract for an indefinite period may, irrespective of their seniority, be granted unpaid leave for periods not exceeding one year.

The total length of such leave may not exceed twelve years in the course of the staff member's entire career.

Another person may be engaged to the post occupied by the member of the temporary staff.

On the expiry of his leave a member of the temporary staff must be reinstated in the first post corresponding to his grade which falls vacant in his function group, provided that he satisfies the requirements for that post. If he declines the post offered to him, he shall retain his right to reinstatement when the next vacancy corresponding to his grade occurs in his function group subject to the same provisions; if he declines a second time, employment may be terminated by the institution without notice. Until effectively reinstated or placed on secondment he shall remain on unpaid leave on personal grounds.

Article 53

Temporary staff referred to in Article 2(f) shall be engaged on the basis of a selection procedure organised by one or more agencies. The European Personnel Selection Office shall, at the request of the agency or agencies concerned, provide assistance to the agencies, in particular by defining the contents of the tests and organising the selection procedures. The Office shall ensure the transparency of the selection procedures.

In case of an external selection procedure, temporary staff referred to in Article 2(f) shall be engaged only at grades SC1 to SC2, AST 1 to AST 4 or AD 5 to AD 8. However, the agency may, where appropriate and in duly justified cases, authorise the engagement at grade AD 9, AD 10, AD 11 or, on an exceptional basis, at grade AD 12, for posts with corresponding responsibilities and within the limits of the approved establishment plan. The total number of engagements at grades AD 9 to AD 12 in an agency shall not exceed 20 % of the total number of engagements of temporary staff to the function group AD, calculated over a five-year rolling period.

Article 54

In the case of temporary staff referred to in Article 2(f), classification in the next higher grade shall be exclusively by selection from among staff members who have completed a minimum period of two years in their grade, after consideration of the comparative merits of such temporary staff and of the reports on them. The last sentence of Article 45(1) and Article 45(2) of the Staff Regulations shall apply by analogy. The multiplication rates for guiding average career equivalence, as set out for officials in Section B of Annex I to the Staff Regulations, may not be exceeded.

In accordance with Article 110 of the Staff Regulations, each agency shall adopt general provisions for the implementation of this Article.

Article 55

Where a member of the temporary staff referred to in Article 2(f) moves, following an internal publication of a post, to a new post within his function group, he shall not

be classified in a lower grade or step than in his former post, provided that his grade is one of the grades set out in the vacancy notice.

The same provisions shall apply by analogy where the member of such temporary staff concludes a new contract with an agency immediately following a preceding contract for such temporary staff with another agency.

Article 56

In accordance with Article 110(2) of the Staff Regulations, each agency shall adopt general provisions on the procedures governing the engagement and use of temporary staff referred to in Article 2(f).';

22. Title III 'Auxiliary staff' shall be deleted;
23. In Article 79(2), the word 'Each institution' shall be replaced by ' The authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6';
24. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 80 shall be replaced by the following:
 - '3. Based on this table the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6 or body referred to in Article 3a may, after consulting the Staff Regulations Committee, define in more detail the powers attaching to each type of duties.
 4. Articles 1d and 1e of the Staff Regulations shall apply by analogy.';
25. Article 82 shall be amended as follows:
 - (a) In paragraph 6, the word 'Each institution' shall be replaced by 'The authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6';
 - (b) The following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 6:

'Contract staff in function groups II, III and IV may be authorised to take part in internal competitions only after having completed 3 years of service in the institution. Contract staff in function group II may have access only to competitions at grades SC 1 to 2, in function group III at grades AST 1 to 2 and in function group IV at grades AST1 to 4 or at grades AD 5 to 6. The total number of candidates member of the contract staff appointed to vacant posts at any of these grades shall never exceed 5% of the total number of appointments to these function groups made per year in accordance with the second paragraph of Article 30 of the Staff Regulations.';
26. Article 84 shall be replaced by the following:

Article 84

1. A member of the contract staff whose contract is concluded for a duration of at least one year shall serve a probationary period for the first six months of his period of employment if he is in function group I and the first nine months if he is in any other function group.

Where during his probationary period a member of the contract staff is prevented by sickness or accident from performing his duties for one month or more, the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6 may extend his probationary period by the corresponding length of time. The total length of the probationary period shall in no circumstances exceed 15 months.

2. A report on the member of the contract staff may be made at any time before the end of the probationary period if his work is proving obviously inadequate.

This report shall be communicated to the person concerned, who shall have the right to submit his comments in writing within a period of eight working days. The report and the comments shall be transmitted immediately by the immediate superior of the member of the contract staff to the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6. On the basis of the report, the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6 may decide to dismiss the member of the contract staff before the end of the probationary period by giving him one month's notice, or to assign the member of the contract staff to another department for the remaining time of the probationary period.

3. One month at the latest before the expiry of the probationary period, a report shall be made on the ability of the member of the contract staff to perform the duties pertaining to his post and also on his efficiency and conduct in the service. This report shall be communicated to the member of the contract staff, who shall have the right to submit his comments in writing within a period of eight working days.

Should it recommend dismissal or, in exceptional circumstances, extension of the probationary period in accordance with paragraph 1, the report and the comments shall be transmitted immediately by the immediate superior of the member of the contract staff to the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6.

A member of the contract staff whose work or conduct has not proved adequate for establishment in his post shall be dismissed.

The final decision shall be taken on the basis of the report referred to in paragraph 3 as well as on the basis of elements available to the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6 relating to the conduct of the member of the temporary staff with regard to Title II of the Staff Regulations.

4. A dismissed member of the temporary staff shall be entitled to compensation equal to one-third of his basic salary per month of probation completed.;

27. In Article 85(3), the words 'Article 314 of the EC Treaty' shall be replaced by 'Article 55(1) of the Treaty on European Union';

28. Paragraph 1 of Article 86 shall be amended as follows:

(a) The following sentence shall be added to the second subparagraph:

'However, the second paragraph of Article 32 of the Staff Regulations shall apply by analogy to contract staff recruited in grade 1.'

(b) The following subparagraph shall be added:

'General implementing provisions shall be adopted to give effect to this paragraph in accordance with Article 110 of the Staff Regulations.';

29. In point (b) of the first subparagraph of Article 88, the terms 'three years' shall be replaced by the terms 'six years';

30. deleted

30a. Article 91 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 91

Articles 16 to 18 shall apply by analogy.

The second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 55(4) of the Staff Regulations shall not apply by analogy to contract agents.

Overtime worked by contract agents in function groups III and IV shall carry no right to compensation or remuneration.

Under the conditions laid down in Annex VI to the Staff Regulations, overtime worked by contract agents in function groups I and II shall entitle them either to compensatory leave or to remuneration where requirements of the service do not allow compensatory leave during two months following that in which the overtime was worked.';

31. In Article 95, the words 'age of 63' shall be replaced by 'pensionable age';

32. Article 96 shall be amended as follows:

(a) In paragraph 3 the word "adjusted" shall be replaced by "updated";

(b) Paragraph 11 shall be replaced by the following:

'Every two years the Commission shall present a report on the financial situation of the unemployment insurance scheme. Independently of this report, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts in accordance with Articles 110a and 110b of the Staff Regulations, adjust the contributions provided for in paragraph 7 if this is necessary in the interests of the balance of the scheme.';

32a. In the second sentence of the second subparagraph of Article 101(1), the terms 'age of 65' shall be replaced by 'age of 66';

32b. In Article 103(2) and (3) will be replaced by the following:

2. In the event of the death of a former contract staff member in receipt of an invalidity allowance or a former contract staff member who is in receipt of a retirement pension or who leaves the service before reaching the pensionable age and requests that his retirement pension be deferred until the first day of the calendar month following that in which he reached the pensionable age, the persons entitled under the deceased former contract staff member, as defined in Chapter 4 of Annex VIII to the Staff Regulations, shall be entitled to a survivor's pension as provided for in that Annex.

3. Where the whereabouts of a contract staff member or of a former contract staff member in receipt of an invalidity allowance or retirement pension, or of a former contract staff member who leaves the service before reaching the pensionable age and requests that his retirement pension be deferred until the first day of the calendar month following that in which he reaches the pensionable age, are unknown for more than one year, the provisions of Chapters 5 and 6 of Annex VIII to the Staff Regulations dealing with provisional pensions shall apply by analogy to his spouse and to persons recognised as his dependants.'

32c. In Article 106(4) the words "63 years of age" shall be replaced by "the pensionable age";

33. In Article 120, the word 'each institution' shall be replaced by 'the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6';

33a. After Article 132 the following Article is inserted:

'Article 132a

In accordance with the implementing measures referred to in Article 125(1) and upon express request of the respective Member or Members whom they support, accredited parliamentary assistants may be paid only once either an installation allowance or a resettlement allowance paid out from the respective Member's parliamentary assistance allowance based on evidence that a change of the place of residence was required. The amount of the allowance shall not exceed one month's basic salary of the assistant.";

33b. Article 139 shall be amended as follows:

(a) In paragraph 1, point (b) shall be replaced by the following:

'(b) at the end of the month in which the accredited parliamentary assistant reaches the age of 66 years or, on an exceptional basis, at the date fixed in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 52(b) of the Staff Regulations;';

(b) In paragraph 1, point (d) shall be replaced by the following:

'(d) taking into account the fact that trust is the basis of the working relationship between the Member and his accredited parliamentary assistant, at the end of the period of notice specified in the contract, which shall give the accredited parliamentary assistant or the European Parliament, acting at the request of the Member or Members of the European Parliament whom the accredited parliamentary assistant was taken on to assist, the right to terminate the contract before its expiry. The period of notice shall not be less than one month per year of service, subject to a minimum of one month and a maximum of three months. The period of notice shall not, however, start to run during pregnancy if confirmed by a medical certificate, maternity leave or sick leave, provided such sick leave does not exceed three months. It shall, moreover, be suspended during pregnancy if confirmed by a medical certificate, maternity or sick leave subject to these limits;';

(c) After paragraph 3, the following paragraph shall be inserted:

'3a. The implementing measures referred to in Article 125(1) shall provide for a conciliation procedure which shall apply before the contract of an accredited parliamentary assistant is terminated, at the request of the Member or Members of the European Parliament whom he was taken on to assist or the parliamentary assistant concerned, pursuant to paragraphs 1(d) and 3. ';

34. In Article 141, the word 'each institution' shall be replaced by 'the authority referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6';

34a. After Article 142, the following Article is inserted:

'Article 142a

The Commission shall, by 31 December 2020, submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council assessing the functioning of these Conditions of Employment of Other Servants.';

35. The Annex shall be amended as follows:

(c) The following sentences shall be added to Article 1(1):

'Article 21, Article 22, with the exception of paragraph 4, Article 23, Article 24a and paragraphs 7 and 8 of Article 31 of that Annex shall apply by analogy to other servants employed on 31 December 2013. Article 30 and paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of Article 31 of that Annex shall apply by analogy to temporary staff employed on 31 December 2013. For agents in service before 1 January 2014, the terms 'age of 66' in Article 33(1), second subparagraph, in Article 47(a), in Article 101(1) second subparagraph, and in Article 139(1)(b) of the Conditions of Employment of other Servants shall be replaced by 'age of 65.'';

(d) The following Article shall be added:

'Article 6

With effect from 1 January 2014, contracts of temporary staff to whom Article 2(a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants applies and who are in service on 31 December 2013 in an agency shall be transformed, without selection procedure, into contracts under point (f) of these Conditions of Employment. The conditions of the contract shall remain unchanged for the rest. This paragraph does not apply to contracts of temporary staff engaged as heads of agencies or deputy heads of agencies as referred to in the European Union act establishing the agency and to officials seconded in the interest of the service to an agency.';

Article 3

1. This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

2. It shall apply as from 1 January 2014 except for Article 65 of the Staff Regulations, which shall apply, without prejudice to Article 19 of Annex XIII, as from the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President