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**RESOLUTION OF THE 11th STANDING COMMITTEE**

(Labour, Social Security)  
(*Rapporteur* PEZZOPANE)

*adopted at the sitting of 5 October 2016*

ON THE

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Eurofound), and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 (COM(2016) 531 final)

pursuant to Article 144(1) and (6) of the Rules of Procedure

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The Committee,

having examined, pursuant to Article 114(1) of the Rules of Procedure, the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound), and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75;

whereas the Proposal defines more extensively the objectives and tasks of the Foundation, such as monitoring trends in various sectors of employment, industrial relations and living and working conditions;

having concluded that the proposal upholds the principles of proportionality and subsidiarity;

having noted the findings of the 14th Standing Committee;

hereby issues a favourable opinion.

Moreover, in order to reduce administrative burdens, the work of the Inter-Institutional Working Group on EU Decentralised Agencies could be taken further, with the goal of reducing staffing levels over five years and adopting structural measures to avoid overlapping between the agencies at EU level and between those agencies and the corresponding administrative bodies at national level.

**OPINION OF THE 14TH STANDING COMMITTEE**

(EUROPEAN UNION POLICIES)

(Rapporteur: Liuzzi)

27 September 2016

The Committee, having examined the proposal,

considering that the Proposal is intended to review the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 of 26 May 1975 which established a European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound);

hereby issues a favourable opinion, for matters within its remit, with the following comments:

The recommendation is based on Article 153(2)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). In this regard, given that the proposal aims to align Eurofound with the Common Approach on Decentralised Agencies, it should be pointed out that the considerable number of agencies that exist in the European Union and the need for action to standardise them offer the opportunity to consider whether a common legal basis could be identified to regulate all the agencies, such as Article 114 TFEU, supplemented, where necessary, by sectoral legal bases;

The need for and the added value of European action, given that the proposal is for a European agency and as such is not governed by national law, strengthens the case for a unitary legal basis.

Regarding the principle of proportionality and the reduction of administrative burdens, the Inter-Institutional Working Group on EU decentralised agencies should continue its work with the aim of reducing staffing levels by 5 % over five years and, above all, adopting structural measures such as mergers, abolitions or transfers of duties with the aim of avoiding overlapping between the agencies at EU level and between the agencies and the corresponding administrative bodies at national level.