

**Amendment 1****Clare Daly, Mick Wallace**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Report****A9-0013/2021****Sylvie Guillaume**Activities of the European Ombudsman - annual report 2019  
(2020/2125(INI))**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 20***Motion for a resolution*

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