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Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

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OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013, Section III- Commission and executive agencies
(2014/2075(DEC))

Rapporteur: Iratxe García Pérez

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas, given the continuous involvement of the Commission, the Council and Parliament, the Union's budgetary process provides an opportunity for the planning and assessment of progress towards gender equality within the Union;
- B. whereas gender budgeting should be based on a clear methodology that identifies gender issues within the general budget of the Union and, where possible, the allied resource allocation and assesses whether policies will reinforce or diminish existing inequalities between women and men;
 - 1. Stresses that equality between women and men is a fundamental principle of the Union under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as well as the goal of the Strategy for equality between women and men 2010-2015, and that gender issues should be integrated in all policy areas; calls, therefore, for the comprehensive implementation of gender budgeting, which includes the Court of Auditors' assessment of the general budget of the Union from a gender perspective;
 - 2. Takes due note of the Court of Auditors' annual report on the implementation of the budget, in particular with regard to employment and social affairs but regrets limited references to gender equality in this field, as well as an insufficient focus on employment, social solidarity and gender equality in this year's Special Reports of the Court of Auditors;
 - 3. Notes an insufficient focus on programmes aimed at promoting and improving job opportunities for women;
 - 4. Reiterates its demand to further develop gender-specific indicators and data to allow assessments of the general budget of the Union from a gender perspective and to monitor efforts on gender budgeting;
 - 5. Asks the Commission, in consultation with the Court of Auditors, to clarify in its follow-up to the 2013 discharge how gender budgeting and the use of indicators and data could be guaranteed in future discharge procedures.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	20.1.2015
Result of final vote	+: 29 -: 6 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Daniela Aiuto, Maria Arena, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Malin Björk, Viliija Blinkevičiūtė, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Viorica Dăncilă, Iratxe García Pérez, Anna Hedh, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Vicky Maeijer, Angelika Mlinar, Krisztina Morvai, Angelika Niebler, Maria Noichl, Marijana Petir, Terry Reintke, Liliana Rodrigues, Jordi Sebastià, Michaela Šojdrová, Ángela Vallina, Beatrix von Storch, Jadwiga Wiśniewska, Anna Záborská, Jana Žitňanská
Substitutes present for the final vote	Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Biljana Borzan, Linnéa Engström, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Mariya Gabriel, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Kostadinka Kuneva, Marc Tarabella
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Rosa D'Amato