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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Euratom
Supply Agency for the financial year 2015
(2016/2183(DEC))

Committee on Budgetary Control

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1. PROPOSAL FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DECISION

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2015 (2016/2183(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2015,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2015, together with the Agency's reply¹,
 - having regard to the statement of assurance² as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2015, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the Council's recommendation of 21 February 2017 on discharge to be given to the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2015 (05873/2017 – C8-0069/2017),
 - having regard to Article 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Article 106a of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,
 - having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002³, and in particular Article 1(2) thereof,
 - having regard to Council Decision 2008/114/EC, Euratom of 12 February 2008 establishing Statutes for the Euratom Supply Agency⁴, and in particular Article 8 of the Annex thereto,
 - having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A8-0126/2017),
1. Grants the Director-General of the Euratom Supply Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2015;
 2. Sets out its observations in the resolution below;

¹ OJ C 449, 1.12.2016, p. 184.

² OJ C 449, 1.12.2016, p. 184.

³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 41, 15.2.2008, p. 15.

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision, and the resolution forming an integral part of it, to the Director General of the Euratom Supply Agency, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors, and to arrange for their publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

2. PROPOSAL FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DECISION

on the closure of the accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2015 (2016/2183(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2015,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2015, together with the Agency's reply¹,
 - having regard to the statement of assurance² as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2015, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the Council's recommendation of 21 February 2017 on discharge to be given to the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2015 (05873/2017 – C8-0069/2017),
 - having regard to Article 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Article 106a of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,
 - having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002³, and in particular Article 1(2) thereof,
 - having regard to Council Decision 2008/114/EC, Euratom of 12 February 2008 establishing Statutes for the Euratom Supply Agency⁴, and in particular Article 8 of the Annex thereto,
 - having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A8-0126/2017),
1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2015;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Director General of the Euratom Supply Agency, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors, and to arrange

¹ OJ C 449, 1.12.2016, p. 184.

² OJ C 449, 1.12.2016, p. 184.

³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 41, 15.2.2008, p. 15.

for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

3. MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2015 (2016/2183(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2015,
 - having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A8-0126/2017),
- A. whereas, according to its financial statements, the final budget of the Euratom Supply Agency (the “Agency”) for the financial year 2015 was EUR 125 000, representing an increase of 20,19 % compared to 2014; whereas EUR 119 000 (95,2 %) of the budget of the Agency derives from the Union budget and EUR 6 000 (4,8 %) from its own revenues (bank interest on the paid-up capital);
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors (the “Court”), in its report on the Agency’s annual accounts for the financial year 2015 (the “Court’s report”), stated that it obtained reasonable assurances that the annual accounts for the financial year 2015 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular,
- C. whereas in the context of the discharge procedure, the discharge authority stresses the particular importance of further strengthening the democratic legitimacy of the Union institutions by improving transparency and accountability, implementing the concept of performance based budgeting and good governance of human resources,

Budget and financial management

1. Notes that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2015 resulted in a commitment appropriations execution rate of 98,92 %, representing an increase of 7,84 % compared to 2014; notes that the payment appropriation execution rate was 62,86 %, representing a decrease of 18,27 % compared to 2014; urges the Agency to respect the principle of annuality to the maximum extent possible in the future;
2. Notes from the Court’s report that the level of carry-overs of committed appropriations was at EUR 41 482 (50,5 %) for Title II (administrative expenditure), compared to EUR 8 970 in 2014 (14,9 %); notes from the Agency that those carry-overs were related to the purchase of IT hardware and consulting services ordered in the fourth quarter of 2015 that went beyond the year-end, mainly due to a delay in decision-making on the possibility to use the Commission’s DIGIT framework contracts;

Procurement and recruitment procedures

3. Notes that the Agency had 17 members of staff at the end of 2015, all of whom were Commission officials; notes, furthermore, that one contractual agent post was not

replaced after the holder of the post resigned;

Other comments

4. Notes that, according to the Agency, it processed 375 transactions in 2015, including contracts, amendments and notifications of front-end activities in order to ensure the security of supply of nuclear materials;
5. Notes that in 2015 the Agency prepared and presented to its advisory committee a draft proposal to amend its rules in order to bring them into line with current market practices; notes, furthermore, that if adopted, this would be the first revision of the rules since 1975; calls on the Agency to inform the discharge authority of further developments regarding the amendment of its rules;

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6. Refers, for other observations of a cross-cutting nature accompanying its decision on discharge, to its resolution of [xx xxxx 2017]¹ [on the performance, financial management and control of the agencies].).

¹ Texts adopted of that date, P[8_TA(-PROV)(2017)0000].

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Date adopted	22.3.2017
Result of final vote	+: 24 -: 5 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Inés Ayala Sender, Dennis de Jong, Tamás Deutsch, Martina Dlabajová, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ingeborg Gräßle, Cătălin Sorin Ivan, Jean-François Jalkh, Bogusław Liberadzki, Monica Macovei, Notis Marias, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt, Bart Staes, Hannu Takkula, Derek Vaughan, Joachim Zeller
Substitutes present for the final vote	Richard Ashworth, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Benedek Jávor, Karin Kadenbach, Julia Pitera, Patricija Šulin
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Raymond Finch, Jens Geier, Susanne Melior, Piernicola Pedicini, Janusz Zemke

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

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ALDE	Martina Dlabajová, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Hannu Takkula
ECR	Monica Macovei
GUE/NGL	Luke Ming Flanagan, Dennis de Jong
PPE	Tamás Deutsch, Ingeborg Gräßle, Julia Pitera, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt, Joachim Zeller, Patricija Šulin
S&D	Inés Ayala Sender, Jens Geier, Cătălin Sorin Ivan, Karin Kadenbach, Bogusław Liberadzki, Susanne Melior, Derek Vaughan, Janusz Zemke
VERTS/ALE	Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

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ECR	Richard Ashworth, Notis Marias
EFDD	Raymond Finch, Piernicola Pedicini
ENF	Jean-François Jalkh

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention