DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2018 (2019/2072(DEC))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Reaffirms its strong commitment to multilingualism in the Union as one of the fundamental prerequisites for the proper functioning of the Union’s democratic system; acknowledges the role that the Centre plays in facilitating the work of the Union’s agencies and bodies by means of delivering high-quality translation and language services;

2. Notes with appreciation the continued impact of the pricing structure introduced in 2017 for the translation of documents, which corresponded to a saving of EUR 4.4 million for the Centre’s clients in 2018;

3. Urges the Centre to adopt a sustainable business model in accordance with the Transformation Plan devised following the external “Study on the Translation Centre as the Linguistic Shared Service Provider for the EU Agencies and Bodies”; encourages the Centre to fulfill the implementation of those actions which would help adapt the new business model to technological advances, such as the web translation and speech recognition project;

4. Notes with concern that the Centre has not completed the anti-fraud plan which was targeted to be implemented by the end of 2018 and which had an implementation rate of 66% in 2018;

5. Expresses its satisfaction with the efforts made by the Centre to develop key staff capabilities in the areas of quality and project management, with 86.8% of key staff having received training and thus exceeding the target set for 2018;

6. Acknowledges the Centre’s follow-up on their commitment to make available to the Union institutions a new version of IATE (InterActive Terminology for Europe) by the end of 2018, which was achieved in November 2018; encourages the Centre to finalise the interinstitutional version by the end of 2019.