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OPINION

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

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 2014, Section III – Commission and executive agencies
(2015/2154(DEC))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes the Court of Auditors' conclusion that the consolidated accounts of the Union present fairly, in all material respects, financial position of the Union on 31 December 2014; expresses concern nonetheless that for the 21st year in a row, the financial supervisory and control systems examined were only partially effective in ensuring the legality and regularity of payments underlying the accounts;
2. Is concerned, however, that payments underlying the accounts are affected by an error rate above the materiality threshold; reminds therefore of the need for careful budgetary management and calls for further efforts to reduce the error rate;
3. Notes the new presentation of the Court's annual account report on the spending under MFF Heading 3 "Security and Citizenship"; requests for its inclusion next year, taking into account the budget increase; agrees that a new approach is needed for investing the EU budget as opposed to spending it;
4. Regrets the fact that in some Member States, laws concerning conflict of interest of members of the parliament, government and local councils is vague and insufficient; calls on the Commission to examine this situation and, if appropriate, make proposals in that regard; considers that any such proposals should also apply to existing and candidate Commission members;
5. Stresses the need to ensure value for money and learn lessons from past projects where weaknesses in the Commission's management led to delays and overspending, as occurred with the development of the second generation Schengen information system (SIS II), which was delivered six years later than planned and cost eight times more than the initial budget;
6. Notes that although The External Borders Fund has contributed to the management of external borders, the added value of the fund has been limited. The overall result could not be measured due to weaknesses in monitoring by the assigned authorities and serious deficiencies by the Commission and the Member States in their evaluations.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	16.2.2016
Result of final vote	+: 54 -: 2 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Jan Philipp Albrecht, Michał Boni, Caterina Chinnici, Ignazio Corrao, Rachida Dati, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Frank Engel, Cornelia Ernst, Tanja Fajon, Laura Ferrara, Monika Flašíková Beňová, Lorenzo Fontana, Kinga Gál, Nathalie Griesbeck, Sylvie Guillaume, Jussi Halla-aho, Monika Hohlmeier, Brice Hortefeux, Sophia in 't Veld, Eva Joly, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Timothy Kirkhope, Barbara Kudrycka, Kashetu Kyenge, Marju Lauristin, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Monica Macovei, Roberta Metsola, Claude Moraes, József Nagy, Péter Niedermüller, Soraya Post, Judith Sargentini, Birgit Sippel, Branislav Škripek, Helga Stevens, Traian Ungureanu, Bodil Valero, Udo Voigt, Josef Weidenholzer, Cecilia Wikström, Kristina Winberg, Tomáš Zdechovský
Substitutes present for the final vote	Marina Albiol Guzmán, Carlos Coelho, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Pál Csáky, Daniel Dalton, Dennis de Jong, Gérard Deprez, Anna Hedh, Petr Ježek, Emil Radev, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Barbara Spinelli, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi