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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2012
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the contribution of the Foundation to the promotion of knowledge about living and working conditions in the EU; recalls the launch of the overview report from the fifth European Working Conditions Survey containing important and relevant findings about trends in job quality, sustainable work and ageing workforce, health and well-being, and working time and work-life balance;
2. Notes that the 2012 annual programme was the final within the Foundation's four-year programme 2009-2012; welcomes the Foundation's reaction to the changed policy priorities induced by the economic crisis, by launching new projects linked to priority themes on the social impact of the crisis; recovery and job creation; demographic change; and sustainable public sector;
3. Expresses its satisfaction that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Foundations' annual account for the financial year 2012 to be legal and regular;
4. Notes the comment of the Court of Auditors on the high rate of carry-over of committed appropriations for title III; recalls that the planned carry-over corresponds to payment schedules and reflects the multi-annual nature of the Foundation's operations; welcomes that the level of the remaining unplanned carry-overs reduced from 44% to 23%; welcomes furthermore the continued high implementation rate of the budget in 2012;
5. Notes the Foundation's explanation in its Annual Activity Report (AAR) to the earlier comment of the Court of Auditors raised concerning the transparency of recruitment procedures; recalls the importance of ensuring the transparency of recruitment procedures.