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DRAFT 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 2011, Section III – Commission and executive agencies
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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 in its motion for a resolution:

1. Takes note of the conclusion of the Court of Auditors that the payments for the year ended 31 December 2011 for research and other internal policies were affected by material error and that the examined supervisory and control systems for research and other internal policies were partially effective; regrets that the report of the Court of Auditors provides no detailed information on the expenditure for the area of freedom, security and justice;
2. Welcomes the increase in the level of implementation of commitments in the budget for the area of freedom, security and justice which reached 97,74% as well as the increase in the level of implementation of payments which reached 93,10% in 2011;
3. Highlights the high importance of the chapter 18 02 – Solidarity – External borders, return, visa policy and free movement of people for the security and economy of the Union; calls on the Commission to improve its budgetary planning;
4. Takes note of the reservations made by the Commission's Directorate-General for Home Affairs in its annual activity report of 2011 regarding the reputational risks due to delays in implementing SIS II; also takes note of the financial risk resulting from the residual error rate in the non-audited population of grants of the financial programmes "Prevention, preparedness and consequence management of terrorism and other security related risks" and "Prevention of and fight against crime"; calls on the Commission to pursue the corrective measures announced.