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Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

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## **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on the discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Police College for the financial year 2013 (2014/2112(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 in its motion for a resolution:

- Welcomes the Court of Auditors' conclusions that the annual accounts of the European Police College (CEPOL) present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position as at 31 December 2013 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, and that the transactions underlying the annual accounts of CEPOL for the financial year 2013 are legal and regular in all material respects;
- 2. Notes the Court of Auditors' observations outlining the improvements required in the area of budgetary planning and the measures taken by CEPOL, which have led to a reduction in the volume of carryovers;
- 3. Notes the Court of Auditors' observations to the effect that recruitment procedures need to be improved; stresses, in that connection, the additional information provided by CEPOL concerning the recent changes made, which have made it possible to complete the documentation on human resources procedures and have thus helped to make the process as a whole more transparent;
- 4. Welcomes the official reopening of CEPOL, on 1 October 2014, in its new premises, in particular in the light of the concerns voiced by the Court of Auditors in its 2012 audit regarding the uncertainty surrounding CEPOL's seat, the precarious situation of its staff and the resulting budget planning problems;
- 5. Considers, in general, that CEPOL should pay greater attention to ensuring sound financial management, i.e. to using its appropriations economically, efficiently and effectively in the carrying out its remit.