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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 implementation of the budget of the European
Police Office (Europol) for the financial year 2013
(2014/2118(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:

1. Welcomes the Court of Auditors' conclusions that the annual accounts of the European Police Office (Europol) 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 Europol for the financial year 2013 are legal and regular in all material respects;
2. Notes the Court of Auditors' observations outlining the improvements required as regards the legality and regularity of transactions and budgetary management;
3. Notes, in that connection, that although Europol has made progress over the years in the area of the preparation, implementation and documentation of procurement procedures, the effectiveness of those procedures still needs to be improved, in that selection criteria are still not sufficiently specific and price offers are still not realistic or consistent with established professional requirements; notes the information contained in Europol's answers concerning the review being conducted of recruitment and procurement procedures as a whole, with the aim of refining the current internal organisational set-up;
4. Applauds the efforts made to improve outturn rates, which have seen the carryover rate for commitment appropriations fall from 19.6 % in 2012 to 11.6 % in 2013; criticises, at the same time, the fact that the carryover rate for appropriations committed under Title II (administrative expenditure) remains very high, at 41 %, although this does represent an improvement over 2012 (49 %);
5. Considers, in general, that the Europol should pay greater attention to the principle of sound financial management, i.e. to using its appropriations economically, efficiently and effectively in carrying out its remit.