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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 budget of the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice for the financial year 2013 (2014/2128(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 finding in the Court of Auditors' conclusions that the annual accounts of the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA) present fairly, in all material respects, the agency's 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 its annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013 are legal and regular in all material respects;
2. Points out that eu-LISA became financially independent in 2013 and is currently drawing up the necessary procedures; notes that, owing to the fact that part of the Agency's total annual budget was executed by the Commission and to the differences between the Commission's and the Agency's budgetary structures, a more detailed analysis per budget title could not be carried out for 2013;
3. Notes that, without calling into question its opinion on the reliability of eu-LISA's accounts, the Court of Auditors draws attention to the fact that, in the absence of reliable and complete information on the total development costs for the Schengen Information System (SIS II), the Visa Information System (VIS) and EURODAC, following the transfer of operational management of those systems from the Commission to the agency in May 2013 those costs were recorded in the agency's accounts at their net book values as per the Commission's books and were then updated at year end;
4. Notes the Court of Auditors' comments regarding improvements that need to be made in respect of internal controls and budgetary management;
5. Considers, in general, that eu-LISA should pay particular attention to ensuring sound financial management, i.e. to using its appropriations economically, efficiently and effectively in the performance of its duties.