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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 4**

**Draft opinion**  
**Ingeborg Gräble**  
(PE430.428v01-00)

Discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2008, Section III - Commission and executive agencies (2009/2068(DEC))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Frédéric Daerden, Ilda Figueiredo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 2**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Notes that the level of errors does not necessarily refer to fraud and calls therefore for a clear distinction to be made between fraud and error rates in the future;***

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Frédéric Daerden, Ilda Figueiredo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to hold all Member States fully to account through annual audit control reports and summary annual reports; calls for the examination of the reporting duty, to avoid information being sought twice; considers the non-provision of accountability reports, or incomplete reports, by national administrative and control bodies, as well as any contravention of the minimal requirements of the financial regulations, unacceptable and punishable; calls therefore on the Commission to develop proposals for the improvement and expansion of the existing reporting responsibilities *incorporating a sanctions mechanism*;

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**Amendment 4**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***8a. Notes that such simplification procedures are key to reducing administrative burdens at national, regional and local levels; stresses the importance of ensuring that such procedures do not lead to a greater rate of error in the future;***

*Amendment*

Or. en