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OPINION

of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2011
(C7-0255/2012 – 2012/2193(DEC))

Rapporteur: Gesine Meissner

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Transport and Tourism 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 fact that the Court of Auditors found the European Maritime Safety Agency's accounts for the financial year 2011 to be reliable and regarded the transactions underlying them, taken as a whole, as legal and regular;
2. Calls on the Agency to scrutinise and prohibit possible conflicts of interest when hiring experts and staff from the sector it supervises;
3. Notes that the Agency's overall budget was EUR 56 444 743 in commitment appropriations (CA) and EUR 56 444 743 in payment appropriations (PA) in 2011 and that implementation of the budget was 95% for CA and 90% for PA. The Agency filled in 197 out of 208 statutory posts authorised in the establishment plan on 31 December 2011;
4. Notes that the recent revision of the Agency's founding Regulation will give it additional tasks which can be performed more cost-effectively at the European level than at national level, hence strengthening pollution prevention in the European maritime sector; points out that this will need to be reflected in the Agency's future funding to avoid weakening its ability to perform its existing and future tasks efficiently and effectively;
5. Draws the attention of the Agency to the need to improve its asset management as there are unexplained differences between the recorded annual and cumulated depreciation;
6. Urges the Commission to come up swiftly with the proposal for multiannual funding for the Agency's action in the field of response to pollution at sea;
7. Draws the Agency's attention to the resolution of the European Parliament of 10 May 2012 on the 2010 discharge; calls on the Agency to comply with it;
8. Proposes that Parliament grant the Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency discharge for the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2011.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	22.1.2013
Result of final vote	+: 38 -: 2 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Georges Bach, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Philip Bradbourn, Antonio Cancian, Michael Cramer, Joseph Cuschieri, Christine De Veyrac, Saïd El Khadraoui, Ismail Ertug, Carlo Fidanza, Jacqueline Foster, Mathieu Grosch, Jim Higgins, Juozas Imbrasas, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Werner Kuhn, Bogusław Liberadzki, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Gesine Meissner, Hubert Pirker, Petri Sarvamaa, David-Maria Sassoli, Vilja Savisaar-Toomast, Brian Simpson, Keith Taylor, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Giommaria Uggias, Peter van Dalen, Dominique Vlasto, Artur Zasada, Roberts Zīle
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Spyros Danellis, Michel Dantin, Isabelle Durant, Eider Gardiazábal Rubial, Ádám Kósa, Dominique Riquet, Alfreds Rubiks, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Karin Kadenbach