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*Committee on Transport and Tourism*

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**2010/2188(DEC)**

1.3.2011

## **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 SESAR  
Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2009  
(C7-0248/2010 - 2010/2188(DEC))

Rapporteur: Giommara Uggias

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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 SESAR Joint Undertaking's (hereinafter "Joint Undertaking") accounts for 2009 to be reliable and the underlying transactions to be, in all material respects, legal and regular;
2. Notes that the Joint Undertaking received EUR 55 000 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 27 689 788 in payment appropriations from the European Union budget for 2009;
3. Recognises that the Joint Undertaking is still in a start-up period given that Council Regulation (EC) No 1361/2008 of 16 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 219/2007 on the establishment of a joint undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR)<sup>1</sup>, was only adopted in December 2008; also considers that, being a public-private partnership, the Joint Undertaking faces different challenges to those of the transport Agencies (European Aviation Safety Agency, European Maritime Safety Agency, European Railway Agency);
4. Notes that year-end bank deposits totalling EUR 86 800 000 represent a breach of the budgetary principle of annuality;
5. Welcomes the Court's finding that important steps were taken in 2009 to establish control systems but expresses concern that an integrated tool to manage financial, budget and operational information was not in place at year-end; notes the Agency's response that financial systems were in place by May 2010;
6. Regrets the several cases, as identified by the Court, where internal controls did not operate correctly;
7. Is concerned that an integrated management system, allowing costs to be allocated to specific work packages and funding sources of operational costs to be identified, was not in place by December 2009;
8. Requests that a report be attached to each year's budget on the unspent appropriations carried over from previous years, explaining why those monies have not been used and how and when they will be used;
9. Proposes, nevertheless, that Parliament grant the Executive Director of the Joint Undertaking discharge in respect of the implementation of the Joint Undertaking's budget for the financial year 2009.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 352, 31.12.2008, p. 12.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	28.2.2011
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 26 -: 1 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Georges Bach, Antonio Cancian, Saïd El Khadraoui, Carlo Fidanza, Knut Fleckenstein, Jacqueline Foster, Mathieu Grosch, Jim Higgins, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Georgios Koumoutsakos, Eva Lichtenberger, Hella Ranner, Olga Sehnalová, Brian Simpson, Dirk Sterckx, Keith Taylor, Giommara Uggias, Thomas Ulmer, Peter van Dalen, Artur Zasada, Roberts Zile
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Philip Bradbourn, Frieda Brepoels, Spyros Danellis, Ádám Kósa, Janusz Władysław Zemke
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote</b>	Karin Kadenbach