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OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Institute for Gender Equality for the financial year 2011
(2012/2206(DEC))

Rapporteur: Minodora Cliveti

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Recalls the important role of the European Institute for Gender Equality in promoting gender equality and supporting its integration into all Union policies and the resulting national policies, and in the fight against discrimination based on gender, as well as in raising Union citizens' awareness of gender equality; stresses that the objectives and the task of the Institute require that a separate dedicated entity is maintained within the institutional framework;
2. Emphasises that 2011 was the first complete operational year for the Institute since it gained its financial and administrative independence in June 2010;
3. Welcomes the unique initiative, in coordination with the other Union institutions in Vilnius (the Commission and European Parliament Information Office), to identify and select common premises; notes that the newly established "EU House" proved necessary and will benefit synergies, increase the Union's visibility, cost saving and sharing;
4. Draws attention to the Court of Auditors' confirmation that the Institute's annual accounts showing a budget of EUR 7 530 000, in all material respects, fairly present its financial position as of 31 December 2011 and that the Institute's operations and cash flows for the financial year 2011 are in accordance with the provisions of its Financial Regulation;
5. Expresses its satisfaction that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Institute's annual accounts for the financial year 2011 to be, in all material respects, legal and regular;
6. Notes the comment of the Court of Auditors about the carryover of 50 % of total commitments in 2011; calls on the Institute to make efforts to progressively reduce the carryover with the aim to reach an acceptable level of carryover in order to respect the budgetary principle of annuality;
7. Notes the comment of the Court of Auditors about the need to improve the documentation of physical inventory taking for fixed assets and of the estimation of accrued charges; notes in this regard the Institute's commitment to assure proper management of assets and to improve the estimation of accrual charges;
8. Welcomes the improvement of the occupancy rate of its establishment plan, which shall contribute to the effective functioning of the Institute;
9. Welcomes the Institute's establishment of the Resource and Documentation Centre as a unique European source of institutional and methodological gender equality knowledge;
10. Welcomes the Institute's second ex-ante evaluation report focusing on the Institute's specific objectives and operations;

11. Emphasizes the importance of the Institute's activities on gender approach and wider involvement of women in leadership positions as required by the recent Commission documents on gender equality such as the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on improving the gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges and related measures (COM(2012)0614) and the Communication entitled "Gender balance in business leadership: a contribution to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth" (COM(2012)0615);
12. Is of the opinion, on the basis of the data available now, that discharge can be granted to the Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality in respect of the implementation of the Institute's budget for the financial year 2011.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	22.1.2013
Result of final vote	+: 25 -: 1 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Regina Bastos, Edit Bauer, Emine Bozkurt, Tadeusz Cymański, Edite Estrela, Mikael Gustafsson, Mary Honeyball, Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Constance Le Grip, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Siiri Oviir, Antonyia Parvanova, Raül Romeva i Rueda, Joanna Senyszyn, Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska, Marc Tarabella, Britta Thomsen, Marina Yannakoudakis, Anna Záborská
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Minodora Cliveti, Anne Delvaux, Mariya Gabriel, Nicole Kiil-Nielsen, Christa Kläß, Mojca Kleva Kekuš, Katarína Neved'álová, Angelika Werthmann