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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

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OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2012
(2013/2217(DEC))

Rapporteur: Pervenche Berès

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Points out the important role of the Foundation in contributing to improving human capital development in the partner countries; welcomes in this regard the achievement of the objectives of the work programme, as shown by the increased number of corporate outputs in 2012 detailed in the Annual Activity Report; acknowledges the emphasis laid in the Foundation's activity on the important issues of youth employment and the renewed focus on vocational education and training, the skills dimension of SMEs and migration processes;
2. Expresses its satisfaction that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Foundation's annual accounts for the financial year 2012 to be legal and regular and that its financial position as of 31 December 2012 is clearly represented;
3. Welcomes that the overall level of committed appropriations continued to stay at a high level (99.9%) in 2012 and that they were completed in a timely manner, which indicates proper budgetary planning; welcomes that the level of completed outputs is in line with the Foundation's budget;
4. Welcomes the measures taken by the Foundation in response to the concerns raised about the lack of treasury policy and the transparency of recruitment procedures;
5. Notes with regret from the Foundation's Annual Accounts that the problematic situation of the Foundation's premises remained unsolved in 2012, despite the preventive and mitigation actions put in place; welcomes that an agreement was concluded with the regional authorities in 2013, which ensures the continuation of the Foundation's activities for the 2013-2015 period;
6. Regrets that before adopting a formal decision, the Governing Board failed to inform the Parliament of its intention to extend the Director's term of office, as provided by Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1339/2008; recalls that the procedure is independent of the high quality of the person confirmed as Director; demands full respect for the role and powers of the Parliament provided in the Regulation.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	13.2.2014
Result of final vote	+: 32 -: 3 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Regina Bastos, Heinz K. Becker, Phil Bennion, Pervenche Berès, Philippe Boulland, Alejandro Cercas, Ole Christensen, Derek Roland Clark, Minodora Cliveti, Frédéric Daerden, Sari Essayah, Richard Falbr, Nadja Hirsch, Stephen Hughes, Danuta Jazłowiecka, Jean Lambert, Patrick Le Hyaric, Verónica Lope Fontagné, Thomas Mann, Csaba Öry, Konstantinos Poupakis, Elisabeth Schroedter, Gabriele Stauner, Jutta Steinruck
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Georges Bach, Philippe De Backer, Edite Estrela, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Anthea McIntyre, Paul Murphy, Antigoni Papadopoulou, Gabriele Zimmer
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Timothy Kirkhope, George Lyon, Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa