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DRAFT 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 2016
(2017/2156(DEC))

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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 into its motion for a resolution:

1. Expresses its satisfaction that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the Foundation's annual accounts for the financial year 2016 to be legal and regular and that its financial position as at 31 December 2016 is fairly represented;
2. Acknowledges the work of the Foundation to support the EU's partner countries to harness their human capital through the reform of education, training and labour market systems in the context of the Union's external relations policy; welcomes the Foundation's activities regarding the development of skills and the facilitation of lifelong learning to support partner countries to improve the employability and employment prospects of their citizens;
3. Welcomes the high achievement rate in 2016 (94%) but notes that it slightly decreased in comparison to 2015 (96%); notes the improvement in the time delivery rate (90 %) compared to the previous year (83 %);
4. Notes the high level of appropriations carried over for Title II (18,4 %), presenting an increase compared to 2015 (16,1 %), and Title III (30,3 %), presenting a decrease from 2015 (36,4 %);
5. Is concerned by the Court's observation that the situation regarding the Foundation's premises is unsatisfactory and puts activities at risk of disruption; notes the urgent need for the host country to find a solution to this matter;
6. Welcomes strongly the support from the ETF to the EU candidate countries with the implementation of the Riga Conclusions 2015 in areas such as work-based learning, continuing professional development of VET teachers and entrepreneurial learning;
7. Welcomes the cooperation with other EU agencies - in particularly Eurofound and Cedefop - on EU policies that contribute to development of human capital.