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DRAFT 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 2017
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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 into its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas gender equality is one of the values on which the Union is founded and the Union is committed to promote gender mainstreaming in all of its actions as enshrined in Article 8 TFEU;
- B. whereas gender budgeting is an application of gender mainstreaming in the budgetary process and means a gender based assessment of budgets, incorporating the gender perspective at all levels of the budgetary process and restructuring revenues and expenditures in order to promote gender equality¹;
 - 1. Recalls that the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) was established in order to contribute and to strengthen the promotion of gender equality in the Union, including gender mainstreaming in all relevant Union policies and the resulting national policies, the fight against discrimination based on sex, and raising Union citizens' awareness of gender equality, and welcomes the prioritising of the work on several areas with outputs of high quality and high visibility, without losing focus on gender mainstreaming;
 - 2. Welcomes the ongoing cooperation between the EIGE and the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and welcomes the EIGE's contribution to the ongoing efforts of the Committee including on the study and promotion of gender budgeting and on gender aspects of Trafficking in Human Beings;
 - 3. Takes note that there have been a follow up by EIGE on the reports related to sexual harassments of female workers and trainees in the agency; underlines that the agency must be a role model in combating sexual harassment and ensuring safety and dignity for all its staff; supports EIGE in implementing its zero tolerance policy on sexual harassment;
 - 4. Takes note of the Court of Auditors' opinion that the EIGE's annual accounts present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position as at 31 December 2017 and the results of its operations, its cash flows and the changes in net assets for the year then ended, in accordance with the provisions of its Financial Regulation and the accounting rules adopted by the Commission's accounting officer;
 - 5. Notes the Court of Auditors' opinion that the revenue and payments underlying the EIGE's annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 are legal and regular in all material respects;
 - 6. Welcomes the completion of the 2016 Court of Auditors' observation on the level of carry-overs for committed appropriations for title III (operational expenditure); calls on the EIGE to consider the observation made by the Court on publishing its vacancy notices on the website of the European Personnel Selection Office in order to increase

¹ <https://rm.coe.int/1680596143>

transparency and publicity allowing citizens to reach vacancies published by the different European Institutions and agencies collectively;

7. Is of the opinion, on the basis of the data available now, that discharge can be granted to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2017.