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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 general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017, Section III – Commission and executive agencies
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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 European 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 the European Parliament has repeatedly asked the Commission to promote and implement the use of gender mainstreaming, gender budgeting and gender impact assessment in all Union policy areas and the Court of Auditors to incorporate a gender perspective, including gender-disaggregated data, into its reports on the implementation of the Union budget;
1. Stresses that women's rights and gender equality should be integrated into all relevant policy areas; reiterates therefore its call for the implementation of gender budgeting at all stages of the budgetary process, including the implementation of the budget and assessment of its implementation;
 2. Repeats its demand that the budget lines under the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC) 2014 - 2020 should specify the resources allocated to each of the objectives of the programme devoted to gender equality preventing a proper accountability of the funds devoted to this aim;
 3. Reiterates its call to have a separate budget line for the Daphne specific objective in order to show the commitment of the Union with the combat of violence against women and girls; calls for increased resources in this budget line; calls on an steady effort to raise the awareness of the grants included in the Daphne specific objective along with measures to make its related administrative procedures more user-friendly;
 4. Calls for gender equality to be explicitly mentioned in heading 3, 'Security and citizenship' as a fundamental right of citizens;
 5. Calls for increased transparency, targeted actions and specific budget lines in order to meeting the goals of gender equality and women's rights in EU external action, including Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights;
 6. Highlights that gender mainstreaming is also among the founding principles of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and calls for the inclusion of targeted actions on women's rights and gender equality with specific budget lines in order to take into account the gender dimension within migration and asylum policies.