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OPINION

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on the discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the
European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for the financial year 2014
(2015/2166(DEC))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes the Court of Auditors conclusions that the annual accounts of the Agency present fairly its financial position at 31 December 2014 and that its transactions are legal and regular; acknowledges that the high amounts carried over under title II mainly relate to the planned purchase of IT goods and services for which payments were only due in 2015, and the carry-overs under title III mainly reflect the multi-annual nature of the Agency's operational projects, where payments are made according to planned schedules; acknowledges the Agency's response regarding the nature of the carry-overs and the low level of cancellations in its budget;
2. Welcomes that according to the Court of Auditors report, the 2014 budget appropriations were fully committed.
3. Notes that under the new Staff Regulations as amended in 2004 remuneration of officials and other servants recruited before 1 May 2004 should not be less than the one under previous Staff Regulations; regrets that the Agency did not comply with this requirement in 10 cases; acknowledges that following the Court of Auditors' observations, the Agency took corrective measures in 2015; stresses the importance of sound human resources management and protection of staff rights;
4. Notes that the Agency still does not have its own internal binding rules for the protection of whistle-blowers, despite the recommendation made by Parliament in 2015, although draft provisions pending formal adoption have existed since 2012; notes that the Agency has been applying the Commission whistleblowing guidelines following an Executive Board decision in 2012 and requires that those internal rules be adopted and published without delay, in accordance with Article 22c of the Staff Regulations as they entered into force on 1 January 2014; asks for a track record of whistle-blowing cases handled in accordance with those rules;
5. Acknowledges that the Agency adopted in 2014 a practical guide on management and prevention of conflict of interest for its staff; asks the Agency to provide the discharge authority with a track record of cases of conflict of interest identified and to ensure that all CVs and declarations of interest of its Management Board experts and management team members are published, along with a clear set of rules against "revolving doors".

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	16.2.2016
Result of final vote	+: 54 -: 2 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Jan Philipp Albrecht, Michał Boni, Caterina Chinnici, Ignazio Corrao, Rachida Dati, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Frank Engel, Cornelia Ernst, Tanja Fajon, Laura Ferrara, Monika Flašíková Beová, Lorenzo Fontana, Kinga Gál, Nathalie Griesbeck, Sylvie Guillaume, Jussi Halla-aho, Monika Hohlmeier, Brice Hortefeux, Sophia in 't Veld, Eva Joly, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Timothy Kirkhope, Barbara Kudrycka, Kashetu Kyenge, Marju Lauristin, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Monica Macovei, Roberta Metsola, Claude Moraes, József Nagy, Péter Niedermüller, Soraya Post, Judith Sargentini, Birgit Sippel, Branislav Škripek, Helga Stevens, Traian Ungureanu, Bodil Valero, Udo Voigt, Josef Weidenholzer, Cecilia Wikström, Kristina Winberg, Tomáš Zdechovský
Substitutes present for the final vote	Marina Albiol Guzmán, Carlos Coelho, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Pál Csáky, Daniel Dalton, Dennis de Jong, Gérard Deprez, Anna Hedh, Petr Ježek, Emil Radev, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Barbara Spinelli, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi