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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on the Commission action plan towards an integrated internal control
framework
(2008/2150(INI))

Rapporteur: Ingeborg Gräßle

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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Stresses that an effective integrated internal control as envisaged in the Commission's action plan will allow the Commission and the Member States to better implement the EU budget according to political objectives and Parliament's priorities;
2. Regrets the lack of clear language and calls on the Commission to indicate at which stage it finds itself in the process towards an integrated internal control framework, and when it expects the measures taken to have visible and positive effects on the legality and regularity of transactions;
3. Notes the efforts made by the Commission but regrets that, so far, the Commission has not been able to present complete and reliable figures on recoveries and financial corrections due to reporting problems of the Member States; asks the Commission to solve these reporting problems and expects it to present a detailed timetable for the development and application of this new reporting scheme;
4. Asks the Commission, with regard to Actions 10 and 10N, to present reliable information on the costs of the control systems and on possible means of simplification with the goal of finding a better balance between the need for controls and the aim of lessening the administrative burden for applicants and beneficiaries of EU funds;
5. Recalls its own view and the view of the Court of Auditors, that complicated or unclear rules and complex legal requirements negatively impact on the legality and regularity of EU spending; considers it necessary to take up the issue of simplification as an important point for the next reform of the Financial Regulation and for the future legal basis of EU spending programmes;
6. Calls on the Court of Auditors to report in more detail on the cooperation with its national counterparts and to state, when this cooperation will show visible positive effects.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	11.12.2008
Result of final vote	+ : 14 - : 0 0 : 0
Members present for the final vote	Reimer Böge, Simon Busuttil, Valdis Dombrovskis, Brigitte Douay, Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón, Catherine Guy-Quint, Jutta Haug, Vladimír Maňka, Jan Mulder, Margaritis Schinas, László Surján, Kyösti Virrankoski, Ralf Walter
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Peter Šťastný