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Committee on Budgetary Control

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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgetary Control

for the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

on the draft Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe
(2004/2129(INI))

Draftsman: José Javier Pomés Ruiz

SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Recital I - add new points (da) and (dbf)

(da) the inclusion in Title VII of part 1 on the Union's finances of a reference to Parliament's discharge powers in respect of the implementation of the budget, since the approval of the accounts via the discharge procedure is at the same level in political terms as the authorisation of expenditure via the approval of the budget and the recent history of interinstitutional relations has shown the vital importance of the discharge procedure,

(db) a set number of Members of the Court of Auditors and the abolition of the principle that each Member State shall be entitled to nominate its own Member of the Court,

2. Paragraph 4 - add new point (fa)

(fa) provision is made in the Treaty (Article III - 274) for the establishment of a European Public Prosecutor's Office; however, it expresses concern that this may not be possible in practice because establishment of such an office requires unanimity in the Council, and it will in any event be necessary to clarify the vague stipulation that the Public Prosecutor's Office is to be established from Eurojust;

PROCEDURE

Title	Draft Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe	
Procedure number	2004/2129(INI)	
Committee responsible	AFCD	
Enhanced cooperation	No	
Draftsman Date appointed	José Javier Pomés Ruiz 22.9.2004	
Discussed in committee	25.10.2004	23.11.2004
Date suggestions adopted	23.11.2004	
Result of final vote	for: 12 against: 1 abstentions: 0	
Members present for the final vote	Herbert Bösch, Paulo Casaca, Szabolcs Fazakas, Dan Jørgensen, Véronique Mathieu, Jan Mulder, István Pálfi, José Javier Pomés Ruiz, Alexander Stubb, Terence Wynn	
Substitutes present for the final vote	Jens-Peter Bonde, Simon Busuttil, Ashley Mote	
Substitutes under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote		