DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

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 2021, Section II - Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (2022/2094(DEC))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Culture and Education 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 efforts of the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (‘the Centre’) to raise awareness of the importance of multilingualism for the agencies’ operations and to foster multilingual communication to reach out to Union citizens;

2. Welcomes the drafting of a new business continuity policy in 2021 to prepare the Centre better for any future health crisis;

3. Welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors, in its annual report on EU agencies for the financial year 2021, confirms the legality and regularity of the revenue and payments underlying the Centre’s accounts;

4. In the context of recurring issues encountered with the quality of translations produced by external language service providers, notes that the Centre has put in place a system for assessing the quality of outsourced translations and improving translations that show weaknesses;

5. Notes with satisfaction that in 2021 the Centre finalised the actions included in its 2019-2020 anti-fraud action plan, in particular by updating its processes concerning the detection and reporting of fraud;

6. Regrets that the Centre is not yet in possession of an EMAS certificate; urges the Centre to initiate the EMAS registration procedure as soon as possible; notes with satisfaction the measures taken to reduce the space occupied and to save energy.