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OPINION

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2007
(SEC(2008)2359 - C6-0432/2008 - 2008/2259(DEC))

Rapporteur: Péter Olajos

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the effective implementation of the 2007 budget - both in terms of commitments and payments, the overall level of budget execution reached 100 %;
2. Considers the European Environment Agency (EEA) as a source of important environmental legislation for all EU institutions and policy-making; notes with satisfaction that the EEA has been able to coordinate the European environment information and observation network and to help the institutions of the EU and Member States to improve the knowledge on environment data and information;
3. Encourages the EEA to continue its efforts to further develop its communication methods in order to attract more media coverage for its findings and thus feed public debate on important environmental issues, such as climate change, biodiversity and the management of natural resources;
4. Underlines the fact that the impact of environment programmes is often hampered by the lack of assessment of environmental impacts of other Community legislation and programmes; believes that the EEA could provide support for policy-making by further developing its work in the field of environmental impact assessment;
5. Emphasises the role of the EEA in the evaluation of the implementation of EU environmental legislation both within the EU and within prospective Member States;
6. Welcomes the EEA initiative to offset the climate impacts of flights as regards EEA staff missions and participants in its activities;
7. On the basis of the data available, is of the opinion that the Executive Director of the European Environmental Agency can be granted discharge in respect of implementation of the budget of the EEA for the financial year 2007.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	10.2.2009
Result of final vote	+: 44 -: 0 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Adamos Adamou, Georgs Andrejevs, Pilar Ayuso, Irena Belohorská, Maria Berger, Johannes Blokland, John Bowis, Martin Callanan, Magor Imre Csibi, Chris Davies, Avril Doyle, Mojca Drčar Murko, Elisabetta Gardini, Matthias Groote, Françoise Grossetête, Satu Hassi, Gyula Hegyi, Marie Anne Isler Béguin, Christa Kläß, Eija-Riitta Korhola, Holger Kraemer, Urszula Krupa, Peter Liese, Linda McAvan, Péter Olajos, Miroslav Ouzký, Vladko Todorov Panayotov, Vittorio Prodi, Frédérique Ries, Dagmar Roth-Behrendt, Guido Sacconi, Amalia Sartori, Carl Schlyter, Horst Schnellhardt, Richard Seeber, María Sornosa Martínez, Bart Staes, Antonios Trakatellis, Thomas Ulmer, Åsa Westlund
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Iles Braghetto, Jutta Haug, Hartmut Nassauer, Andres Tarand
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	Emanuel Jardim Fernandes