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Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

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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
Chemicals Agency for the financial year 2008
(C7-0202/2009 – 2009/2131(DEC))

Rapporteur: Jutta Haug

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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 first successful year of operation of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), the Commission (DG Enterprise and Industry) having been responsible for the budgetary management of the Agency in 2007;
2. Notes that ECHA was financed in 2008 by a Community subsidy of EUR 62,2 million in accordance with Article 185 of the general Financial Regulation, and to a minor extent by fees paid by industry for registrations of chemical substances in accordance with the REACH Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency);
3. Notes that the total number of posts in the establishment plan has more than doubled during the first year of independent operation of the Agency; welcomes the fact that at the end of the year the Agency had achieved 95% execution of the establishment plan; recalls in this context the need for careful implementation of the recruitment procedure;
4. Observes certain difficulties resulting from the entry of operations such matters as compliance with the principle of annuality and weaknesses in the planning of the Agency's activities; emphasises the need for improvement in these areas;
5. Expresses its satisfaction with the decision to finance its share of the construction work related to ECHA's conference centre in 2008, which was approved for use in late December 2008 and which contributes to the successful implementation of ECHA's objectives;
6. Is of the opinion, on the basis of the data available, that the Executive Director of the European Chemicals Agency can be granted discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of ECHA for the financial year 2008.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	23.2.2010
Result of final vote	+: 41 -: 0 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	János Áder, Elena Oana Antonescu, Paolo Bartolozzi, Sandrine Bélier, Sergio Berlato, Milan Cabrnach, Nessa Childers, Esther de Lange, Bas Eickhout, Edite Estrela, Elisabetta Gardini, Françoise Grossetête, Satu Hassi, Jolanta Emilia Hibner, Dan Jørgensen, Karin Kadenbach, Christa Klač, Jo Leinen, Peter Liese, Kartika Tamara Liotard, Vladko Todorov Panayotov, Gilles Pargneaux, Antonyia Parvanova, Mario Pirillo, Vittorio Prodi, Frédérique Ries, Oreste Rossi, Daciana Octavia Sârbu, Carl Schlyter, Horst Schnellhardt, Richard Seeber, Theodoros Skylakakis, Bogusław Sonik, Catherine Soullie, Salvatore Tatarella, Anja Weisgerber, Åsa Westlund, Sabine Wils, Marina Yannakoudakis
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Jutta Haug, Anna Záborská