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OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Union general
budget for the financial year 2007
(SEC(2008)2359 - C6-0415/2008 - 2008/2186(DEC))

Section III – Commission

Rapporteur: Lissy Gröner

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas 2007 was the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All, which gave special attention to the multiple forms of discriminations that women often faced,
- B. whereas because of persistent disparities between women and men the utilisation of budgetary resources has different effects on the two genders,
 - 1. Reminds the Commission that, by virtue of Article 3(2) of the EC Treaty, the promotion of equality between men and women is a fundamental principle of the EU and is an objective which has relevance across the full range of Community activities and policies;
 - 2. Reiterates its demand to the Commission for gender equality to be taken into due consideration as an ongoing priority objective during budgetary planning, in accordance with the principle of gender budgeting as it has requested in its resolution of 3 July 2003, and regrets the delay of the Commission's feasibility study on the topic;
 - 3. Regrets the fact that the Court of Auditors Annual Report on the implementation of the Budget 2007 does not contain information as to whether the budget has successfully contributed to promotion of equality between men and women;
 - 4. Suggests that the Court of Auditors include *the* gender equality aspect in *its* annual and special reports, in particular relevant information on policies addressing the principle of non-discrimination between women and men and on availability of gender-specific data.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	10.2.2009
Result of final vote	+: 24 -: 0 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Edit Bauer, Hiltrud Breyer, Edite Estrela, Ilda Figueiredo, Věra Flasarová, Lissy Gröner, Urszula Krupa, Pia Elda Locatelli, Astrid Lulling, Doris Pack, Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Zita Pleštinská, Anni Podimata, Christa Prets, Teresa Riera Madurell, Eva-Riitta Siitonen, Eva-Britt Svensson, Britta Thomsen, Anna Záborská
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Gabriela Crețu, Ana Maria Gomes, Donata Gottardi, Elisabeth Jeggle, Maria Petre