DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on the 2022 discharge: European Institute for Gender Equality (2023/2152(DEC))

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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 into its motion for a resolution:

A. whereas gender equality is a value of the Union enshrined in Article 2 TEU;

B. whereas gender equality has been characterised by a regressive ideology, which prioritises abortions, allows anyone to choose from an unlimited list of genders, and denigrates traditional roles;

C. whereas the rising cost of living have impacted both men and women; whereas a permanent victim mentality is counter-productive to gender equality; whereas equality of opportunity should be the EU’s goal;

D. whereas the final budget of the European Institute for Gender Equality (“EIGE”) for the financial year 2022 was EUR xxx.xx, representing an increase of xxx % compared to 2021;

1. Recalls that EIGE was established to develop tools on gender equality; notes that this is not a requirement in our turbulent times; notes therefore that the EIGE’s allocated budgets should be reduced;

2. Notes EIGE’s continuous high level of budget execution, with commitment appropriations of up to 9x,92 % in 2022 (compared to 97,75 % in 2020);

3. Acknowledges an increase in the EIGE’s carry-over operating expenditure to xxx % in 2023 (54.79 % in 2022);

4. Notes that the European Court of Auditors confirmed EIGE’s annual accounts present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position on 31 December 2022 and the results of its operations, its cash flows and the changes in net assets for the year then ended;

5. Is of the opinion that discharge shall not be granted to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2022.