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OPINION

of the Committee on Legal Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2009
(C6-0000/2008 - 2008/2026B(BUD))

Other Sections

Rapporteur: Monica Frassoni

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Legal Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas, as regards the Court of Justice, the high rate of implementation of the budget appropriations in Chapter 12 "Officials and Temporary Staff" of the 2007 budget (97,7%) demonstrates the success of the Court's sustained effort to fill the posts allocated to it,
- B. whereas the execution rate for the Court's appropriations for external services in the linguistic field is expected to approach 100% in 2008, and whereas the less favourable phased recruitment of twenty permanent lawyer-linguist posts, granted by the Council for 2009 and necessary in the context of the new urgent preliminary rulings procedure, will necessitate greater recourse to freelance translators,
- C. whereas, on the one hand, adequate appropriations must be provided for for the operation and maintenance of the existing IT equipment and applications of the Court of Justice and, on the other hand, significant savings can be envisaged in relation to the credits requested for funding strategic developments within the Court,
 - 1. Considers that the standard abatement needs to be reinstated at 3% for the Court of Justice in order to meet the needs relating to the Court's establishment plan for 2009;
 - 2. Considers that the amount of EUR 486 700 under item 1406 needs to be reintroduced in the budget for the Court of Justice in order to avoid any bottleneck in the translation service that could directly affect the productivity of the Court;
 - 3. Notes that, as regards the Court of Justice, there is no room for manoeuvre for further budgetary cuts in the Parties' Internet Portal project, and suggests the reinstatement of EUR 274 400 under item 2102 which is required for the minimum investment programme concerning the urgent preliminary rulings procedure, the management of human resources and the security of applications;
 - 4. Requests the Court to report on the measures it has taken in recent years and on possible further proposals to "green" the institution, such as measures to reduce the use of energy, water and paper, the production of waste, and mobility plans, etc.;
 - 5. Considers that additional resources need to be granted to the European Parliament for all comitology procedures, especially with regard to the new regulatory procedure with scrutiny and in preparation for the new legal framework, in order to ensure that the exchange of views and positions between the three institutions functions satisfactorily;
 - 6. Welcomes the report of 8 September 2008 by Parliament's administration concerning its human resources and funds deployed in the framework of better regulation, according to which 8 AD "comitology" posts have been granted for the various committees; notes that there are no specific figures as regards the number of people dedicated to the monitoring of the application of Community law in the different parliamentary committees; requests the Committee on Budgets to provide appropriate follow-up to that report when

considering the requests for human resources and expertise budgets for the 2009 budget, including the need to monitor the application of Community law.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	9.9.2008
Result of final vote	+: 24 -: 0 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Marek Aleksander Czarnecki, Bert Doorn, Monica Frassoni, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg, Othmar Karas, Pii-Noora Kauppi, Klaus-Heiner Lehne, Katalin Lévai, Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Hans-Peter Mayer, Manuel Medina Ortega, Hartmut Nassauer, Aloyzas Sakalas, Francesco Enrico Speroni, Daniel Stroj, Rainer Wieland, Jaroslav Zvěřina, Tadeusz Zwiefka
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Ieke van den Burg, Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón, Jean-Paul Gauzès, Georgios Papastamkos, Gabriele Stauner, Jacques Toubon
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	Renate Weber