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Committee on Fisheries

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OPINION

of the Committee on Fisheries

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on the discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Fisheries Control Agency for the financial year 2012 (C7-0320/2013 - 2013/2232(DEC))

Rapporteur: Gabriel Mato Adrover

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Fisheries calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

- 1. Acknowledges the importance of the tasks carried out by the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA); commends it for its effectiveness in carrying out its tasks;
- 2. Highlights the importance of EFCA's role in the adoption and implementation of the reform of the common fisheries policy (CFP); stresses its significant contribution to implementing the CFP's ambitious objectives, particularly in the light of the increased demands in terms of monitoring, control and surveillance of fishing activity; stresses the future importance of control underpinned by a large budget geared to supporting the additional financial effort for this field; expresses its readiness, which it shares with EFCA, to ensure that this type of activity is suitably coordinated and structured in all the Member States;
- 3. Points out that the policy objectives of the reform of the CFP mean that control will play a pivotal role in the future and it is therefore important to boost the financial and human resources available to EFCA in the coming years and guarantee that the amounts entered in future budgets match the growing requirements in relation to the control and surveillance of fishing activity advocated in the reformed CFP;
- 4. Takes note of the annual report of the Court of Auditors on EFCA for the financial year 2012 and the Agency's annual activity report;
- 5. Expresses its satisfaction that the Court of Auditors has declared the transactions underlying the annual accounts for the financial year 2012 to be legal and regular;
- 6. Stresses the excellent implementation of commitment appropriations (95.98%) and the good implementation of payment appropriations (83.27%); encourages the Agency to continue its efforts to ensure optimum use of the appropriations allocated;
- 7. Notes the efforts made by EFCA to improve its procedures, particularly in relation to procurement and recruitment procedures; welcomes the fact that the recommendations issued by the Court of Auditors have all been implemented;
- 8. Proposes to grant the Executive Director of the European Fisheries Control Agency discharge for the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2012.

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RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

| Date adopted | 22.1.2014 |
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| Result of final vote | $\begin{array}{cccc} +: & 18 \\ -: & 1 \\ 0: & 0 \end{array}$ |
| Members present for the final vote | John Stuart Agnew, Antonello Antinoro, Alain Cadec, Chris Davies, João Ferreira, Carmen Fraga Estévez, Pat the Cope Gallagher, Dolores García-Hierro Caraballo, Isabella Lövin, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Guido Milana, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves, Ulrike Rodust, Raül Romeva i Rueda, Struan Stevenson, Isabelle Thomas, Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa |
| Substitute(s) present for the final vote | Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Ole Christensen, Jens Nilsson |