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Committee on Transport and Tourism

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OPINION

of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on the discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the
European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2008
(SEC(2009)1089 – C7-0192/2009 – 2009/2121(DEC))

Rapporteur: Anne E. Jensen

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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors found the European Maritime Safety Agency's accounts for 2008 to be reliable and regarded the transactions underlying them, taken as a whole, as legal and regular;
2. Notes that the Agency received EUR 44,3 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 46,89 million in payment appropriations from the 2008 EU budget;
3. Regrets that the procedures for establishing the budget were insufficiently rigorous, leading to a high number of budgetary transfers and a high level of cancellation of payment appropriations, indicating weaknesses in planning and monitoring;
4. Recognises that some of these problems were one-off events related to the move to the Agency's long term office building;
5. Notes with concern that legal commitments were entered into before the corresponding budgetary commitments, even though the Court of Auditors had already criticised this behaviour in 2006 and 2007; calls on the Agency to present a detailed plan to the Parliament to ensure that these shortcomings do not recur;
6. Is disappointed that the Agency failed to prepare a multi-annual work programme and that its annual work programme was not related to its commitment budget; welcomes the Agency's assurance that it is finalising a five-year strategy and developing Key Performance Indicators and asks that this strategy be presented to the Parliament as soon as possible;
7. Proposes, nevertheless, that Parliament grant the Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2008.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	23.2.2010
Result of final vote	+: 34 -: 3 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	Magdalena Alvarez, Inés Ayala Sender, Georges Bach, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Antonio Cancian, Michael Cramer, Christine De Veyrac, Saïd El Khadraoui, Ismail Ertug, Carlo Fidanza, Knut Fleckenstein, Jacqueline Foster, Mathieu Grosch, Ville Itälä, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Georgios Koumoutsakos, Werner Kuhn, Eva Lichtenberger, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Vilja Savisaar, Olga Sehnalová, Brian Simpson, Dirk Sterckx, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Giommara Uggias, Peter van Dalen, Dominique Vlasto, Artur Zasada
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Jean-Paul Basset, Philip Bradbourn, Derk Jan Eppink, Tanja Fajon, Michael Gahler, Anne E. Jensen, Petra Kammerevert, Dominique Riquet, Anna Rosbach, Janusz Władysław Zemke
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Charalampos Angourakis