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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 SESAR
Joint Undertaking (SJU) for the financial year 2008
(SEC(2009)1089 – C7-0262/2009 – 2009/2188(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 SESAR Joint Undertaking's accounts for 2008 to be reliable and the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, to be legal and regular;
2. Notes that the Joint Undertaking received EUR 250 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 100,9 million in payment appropriations from the European Union budget for 2008;
3. Recognises that 2007-08 was a start-up period for the Joint Undertaking, that the new Council Regulation, modifying the basic act of the SJU, was only adopted on 16 December 2008, and that there was a delay in the payment of Eurocontrol's initial contribution;
4. Notes with concern that few projects had begun before the end of 2008 resulting in extremely low utilisation rates for commitment and payment appropriations of 1% and 17% respectively and that this arose because the budget was unrealistic;
5. Regrets that, in a number of instances, transaction controls did not operate correctly and that adequate internal controls for contracts and procurement had not been established;
6. Notes, in addition, that the Administrative Board failed to establish a staff establishment plan for 2008;
7. Expresses its concern that, in contrast to very low utilisation rates, the Joint Undertaking had considerable sums in deposits in bank accounts at the year end thus breaching the principle of budgetary equilibrium;
8. Proposes, nevertheless, that Parliament grant the Executive Director of the Joint Undertaking discharge in respect of the implementation of the Joint Undertaking's budget for the financial year 2008.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	23.2.2010
Result of final vote	+: 34 -: 2 0: 1
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 Besset, Philip Bradbourn, Tanja Fajon, Michael Gahler, Anne E. Jensen, Petra Kammerevert, Dominique Riquet, Anna Rosbach, Janusz Władysław Zemke