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# **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2022  
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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 into its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the finding of the Court of Auditors that the accounts of the European Aviation Safety Agency ('the Agency') for the 2022 financial year are legal and regular in all material respects;
2. Notes that appropriations authorised in the Agency's budget for 2022 totalled EUR 224 million and welcomes the budget implementation rate for year 2022 at 97.1%;
3. Notes that the rate of cancelled appropriations relating to commitments carried over to 2022 was at 2.82%, below the 5 % ceiling set by the Commission;
4. Remarks that the Agency's total revenues for 2022 increased to EUR 174.4million compared to 2021, of which EUR 109,4million came from fees and charges, EUR 39.6 million from EU subsidy and EUR 21.9 million from delegation agreements and grants;
5. Notes that the Agency ended the year with a fees and charges surplus of EUR 8.2 million; notes that the accumulated 'fees and charges' surplus was brought down from EUR 72.1 million to EUR 63.9 million;
6. Welcomes the fact that the Agency achieved 95% of its Annual working programme objectives;
7. Salutes digital transformation of the European skies, including Air Traffic Controllers licencing and training and ATM Ground Systems;
8. Welcomes the EASA Sustainable Aviation Programme (2020 - 2024) for achieving a quieter and more sustainable aviation system, including Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) project;
9. Salutes the efforts of the Agency in integrating new technologies, ensuring safe EU airspace integration;
10. Commends the response of the Agency to Russian invasion to Ukraine publishing a Conflict Zone Information Bulletin (CZIB) within two hours for aircraft safety. Understands concerns about Russian passenger fleets; highlights Agency's role in European military mobility;
11. Proposes that Parliament grants the Executive Director of the Agency discharge for the implementation of the Agency's budget for 2022.