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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 discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European
Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2012
(2013/2219(DEC))

Rapporteur: Michel Dantin

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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 for the 2012 financial year are in order;
2. Notes that the Agency's annual budget for 2012 was EUR 150.2 million, of which EUR 36.6 million came from the European Union and EUR 113.6 million from other sources, including income from fees and charges (EUR 83 million), and that the implementation rate was 97%;
3. Highlights the Agency's vital role in ensuring the highest possible level of aviation safety throughout Europe; also notes that the current review of the Single European Sky legislation could lead to greater powers being accorded to the EASA; stresses that, should this be the case, the Agency will need to be given the financial, material and human resources it needs to perform its tasks successfully;
4. Welcomes the corrective measures taken by the Agency, in response to Parliament's resolution of 17 April 2013, to address problems of conflicts of interest and recruitment procedures, particularly by setting up guidelines for selection procedures and specific training courses for Agency staff on conflicts of interest; the Commission and EASA shall report to the Council and the European Parliament about the progress made in stopping those conflicts of interest;
5. Is pleased that the Agency has set up a standard procedure for the ex-post auditing of accounts, and calls on the Agency to continue to work towards an optimum methodology, in line with the Court of Auditors' recommendations;
6. Proposes that Parliament grant the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2012.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	20.2.2014
Result of final vote	+: 28 -: 4 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Inés Ayala Sender, Georges Bach, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Michael Cramer, Joseph Cuschieri, Philippe De Backer, Luis de Grandes Pascual, Saïd El Khadraoui, Ismail Ertug, Jacqueline Foster, Franco Frigo, Mathieu Grosch, Jim Higgins, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Georgios Koumoutsakos, Eva Lichtenberger, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Gesine Meissner, Dominique Riquet, Brian Simpson, Giommara Uggias, Peter van Dalen, Patricia van der Kammen, Artur Zasada
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Spyros Danellis, Isabelle Durant, Eider Gardiazábal Rubial, Alfreds Rubiks, Bernadette Vergnaud, Janusz Władysław Zemke
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Birgit Sippel, Robert Sturdy