2006 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction EMCDDA

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Based on the observations contained in the revenue and expenditure account and the balance sheet of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2006, as well as on the Court of Auditor's report and the Centre's replies to the Court's observations, the Council recommends that the Parliament grant the Director of the Centre discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2006.

In doing so, the Council confirms that EUR 0.9 million (84%) of the appropriations carried over from 2005 to 2006 (EUR 1.1 million) was used, that appropriations carried over from 2006 to 2007 amount to EUR 1 million and that EUR 0.5 million was cancelled.

Recalling that the Court of Auditors was able to obtain reasonable assurance that the Centre's annual accounts were, in all material aspects, reliable, the Council believes that there is a certain number of observations that must be taken into consideration when providing the discharge on the implementation of the 2006 budget, particularly regarding the following points:

- **Carry-overs:** while noting the Centre's efforts to increase its utilisation rate of commitment appropriationsand the corresponding rate for payment, the Council invites the Centre to take appropriate measures to continue to improve the implementation of the budget, by reducing the level of carry-overs, in order to comply in full with the principle of annuality. It also emphasises the importance of observing the timetables for making the payments to the national focal points of Reitox (European Information Network on Drugs and Drug Addiction) under the grant agreements, in line with the provisions of the contracts;
- **Recruitment procedure:** the Council regrets that the shortcomings already noted by the Court last year concerning the proper application of staff rules remain in 2006. Once again, it invites the Centre to use all instruments made available by the relevant Regulations to rectify the aforementioned situation.