2007 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop

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The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report drawn up by Christofer FJELLNER (EPP-ED, SE) on discharge to be granted to the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, calling on the European Parliament to grant the Executive Director of the Centre discharge in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2007.

Noting that the Centre’s annual accounts for the financial year 2007 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, MEPs approve the closure of the Centre’s accounts.

However, they make a number of recommendations as part of the decision on discharge. In addition to the general recommendations appearing in the draft resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies (see 2008/2207(INI)), MEPs make the following observations:

- the ECA's observation that objectives and performance indicators were often not measurable;
- the Centre is working on a more precise formulation of objectives and performance indicators, and that it introduced Activity Based Budgeting for the 2008 financial year.

Lastly, MEPs call on the Centre to report on the specific follow-up action taken with regard to the ECA's recommendations in its activity report 2008.