2007 discharge: European Network and Information Security Agency ENISA

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The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by. Christofer FJELLNER (EPP-ED, SE) on discharge to be granted to the European Network and Information Security Agency calling on the European Parliament to grant the Executive Director of the Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2007.

Noting that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2007 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, MEPs approve the closure of the Agency'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 fact that the implementation of operational activities was concentrated in the last quarter of 2007, (with about 40 % of commitments and more than 50 % of payments concerning operational activities being executed in November and December 2007);
- that in four cases, (representing a total value of EUR 121 500), appropriations carried over did not correspond to legal commitments;
- that the inventory, namely that fixed assets were managed using a spreadsheet, which did not guarantee the integrity of the data, and that no exhaustive physical inventory was made;

Satisfied with the majority of the responses given by the Agency to each of its criticisms, MEPs note their concern about the fact that the Court of Auditors found weaknesses in procurement procedures. They call on the Agency to report on measures taken in order to remedy shortcomings in the field of procurement in its annual activity report for 2008.