2007 discharge: Community Fisheries Control Agency CFCA

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The European Parliament adopted a decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Community Fisheries Control Agency for the financial year 2007. The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.

Moreover, the Parliament adopted by 400 votes to 10, with 22 abstentions, a resolution with observations which form an integral part of the decision to grant discharge.

The Parliament points out that:

- the Agency's budget was EUR 5 million for 2007, more than half of which was managed by the Commission as the Agency only acquired financial independence shortly before the year-end;
- the ECA observed that the Agency had not established appropriate procedures in order to determine the funds to be carried over (leading to the result that at least EUR 125 000 was carried over without legal commitments);
- the Agency has not yet sufficiently documented its internal control procedures;
- the description of the accounting system has yet to be validated.

Noting that the Agency’s annual accounts for the financial year 2007 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, the Parliament approves the closure of the Agency’s accounts and refers, for other observations accompanying its decision on discharge, to its resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies - see 2008/2207(INI) - adopted in parallel.