2008 discharge: EURATOM Supply Agency

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PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: the Euratom Supply Agency, located in Luxembourg, was created in 1958. Council Decision 2008/114/EC, Euratom replaced the preceding Statutes of the Agency. The Agency's main tasks are to provide the Community with expertise on the market in nuclear materials and services and to monitor it.

In 2008, the Agency did not receive any subsidy to cover its operations. The Commission took charge of all expenses incurred by the Agency for the implementation of the 2008 budget. The commitments carried over from the year 2007 were paid with the unused part of the 2007 subsidy.

In the absence of an autonomous budget, the Agency is de facto integrated in the Commission. This situation raises the issue of the need to maintain the Agency in its current form and organisation.