2008 discharge: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights FRA

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The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Véronique MATHIEU (EPP, FR) on discharge to be granted to the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, calling on the European Parliament to grant the Director of the Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2008.

Noting that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2008 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, MEPs approve the closure of its accounts. However, they make a number of recommendations that need to be taken into account when the discharge is granted, in addition to the general recommendations that appear in the draft resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies (see 2010/2007(INI):

- **performance**: Members encourage the Agency to set objectives and indicators in its programming so as to improve assessment of its achievements. They note that in the coming years the discharge for the implementation of the budget for the Agency should be further based on the Agency's performance throughout the year;
- **OLAF investigation**: Members note that in 2009 OLAF finished its investigation concerning the Agency which it had opened in 2008 and has now closed it with no further action.