2009 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency EASA

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PURPOSE: presentation by the Commission of the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2009, as part of the 2009 discharge procedure.

Analysis of the accounts of the **European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).**

CONTENT: this Commission document sets out the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2009 as prepared on the basis of the information presented by the institutions, organisations and bodies of the EU, in accordance with Article 129 (2) of the Financial Regulation applicable to the EU's General Budget, including the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

In 2009, the tasks and budget of this agency were as follows:

- **description of EASA's tasks:** EASA, which is located in Cologne, was established by Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2002. The Agency's tasks are to maintain a high level of civil aviation safety, to ensure the proper development of civil aviation safety, to establish certification specifications and to provide certification of aeronautical products;
- **EASA's budget for the 2009 financial year**: the Agency's 2009 budget amounted to EUR 122 million, compared with EUR 102 million the previous year. The number of staff employed by the Agency at the end of the year was 509, as compared with 440 the previous year.

The complete version of EASA's final accounts may be found at the following address: www.easa.europa.eu