Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2009 Commission discharge

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In accordance with the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting on 8 May 2000, the Council preparatory bodies responsible for monitoring the areas covered by the Court's special reports have been able at this stage to examine special reports mentioned by the Court in its annual report, under the procedure established by the Permanent Representatives Committee.

The special reports focus on the following issues:

- **Special report No 8/2009**: "Networks of excellence" and "Integrated projects" in Community Research policy: did they achieve their objectives?"
- **Special report No 15/2009**: "EU assistance implemented through United Nations organisations: decision-making and monitoring"
- **Special report No 16/2009**: "The European Commission's management of pre-accession assistance to Turkey"
- **Special report No 17/2009**: " Vocational training actions for women co-financed by the European Social Fund"
- **Special report No 18/2009**: "Effectiveness of EDF support for Regional Economic Integration in East Africa and West Africa"
- **Special report No 1/2010**: "Are simplified customs procedures for imports effectively controlled?"
- **Special report No 2/2010**: "The effectiveness of the Design Studies and Construction of New Infrastructures support schemes under the Sixth Framework Programme for Research"
- **Special report No 3/2010**: "Impact Assessments in the EU institutions: do they support decision-making?"
- **Special report No 4/2010**: "Is the design and management of the mobility scheme of the Leonardo da Vinci programme likely to lead to effective results?"
- **Special report No 6/2010**: "Has the reform of the sugar market achieved its main objectives?"
- **Special report No 7/2010**: "Audit of the clearance of accounts procedure".

For each of these reports, the Council makes a certain number of recommendations to be taken into account when granting discharge to the European Commission on the implementation of budget of the European Union for the financial year 2009 (please refer to the general discharge procedure DEC/2010/2142).

These recommendations shall be presented to the European Parliament.