2010 discharge: European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

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PURPOSE: presentation of the EU Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Institute for Gender Equality for the financial year 2010, together with the Institute's reply.

CONTENT: in accordance with the tasks conferred on the Court of Auditors by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Court presents to the European Parliament and to the Council, in the context of the discharge procedure, a Statement of Assurance as to the reliability of the annual accounts of each institution, body or agency of the EU, and the legality and regularity of the transactions underlying them, on the basis of an independent external audit.

This audit concerned, amongst others, the annual accounts of the European Joint Undertaking for the European Institute for Gender Equality

In the Court's opinion, the Institute's Annual Accounts fairly present, in all material respects, its financial position as of 31 December 2010 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the provisions of its Financial Regulation.

The Court also considers that the transactions underlying the annual accounts of the Institute for the financial year ended 31 December 2010 are, in all material respects, legal and regular.

The report confirms that the Institute's 2010 budget amounted to EUR 6.5 million and that the number of staff employed by the Institute at the end of the year was 29.

It should be noted that the report makes no observations on the budgetary and financial management of the Institute.

Lastly, the Court of Auditors' report contains a summary of the Institute's activities in 2010. This is focused on the following:

- finalising administrative and financial independence and creating conditions for full functioning of the Institute;
- focal areas: (i) support for research and policy work, gender mainstreaming; (ii) awareness raising and networking; (iii) studies; (iv) meetings, conferences and events;
- cooperation with Member States and other institutions.