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In view of the observations made in the Court of Auditor's report, the Council calls on the European Parliament **to grant discharge to all of the Union’s institutions in regard to the implementation of their respective budgets for the financial year 2011**.

Overall, the Council’s remarks are positive in regard to the expenditure of the institutions since it notes that, again in 2011, the administrative expenditure of EU institutions and bodies **remained free from material error and that their supervisory and control systems continued to comply** with the requirements of the Financial Regulation.

Nevertheless, the Council regrets that in some institutions **weaknesses were still detected in the payment of social allowances to staff members**, in the employment contracts for non-permanent staff and in procurement procedures.

It welcomes the measures already taken and encourages the institutions concerned to address the remaining weaknesses pointed out by the Court.

The Council notes the Court's recommendations that the institutions concerned should ensure that staff regularly deliver documents on their personal situation, that the relevant provisions are applied when concluding, extending or modifying employment contracts with non-permanent staff, and that the authorising officers further improve guidance and appropriate checks concerning procurement procedures.