2016 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (CdT)

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Having examined the revenue and expenditure accounts for the financial year 2016 and the balance sheet as at 31 December 2016 of the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (CdT), as well as the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Centre for the financial year 2016, accompanied by the Centre's replies to the Court's comments, the Council recommended the European Parliament to give a discharge to the Director of the Centre in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2016.

The Council welcomed the Court's opinion that the Centre's annual accounts present fairly its financial position as at 31 December 2016 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the provisions of the Centre's Financial Regulation, and that the underlying transactions for 2016 are legal and regular in all material respects.

Nevertheless, the following observation was made:

- **budgetary surplus**: the Council took noted of the Court's observation that a budgetary surplus was recorded at the end of 2016, albeit lower than in 2015. It, therefore, invited the Centre to continue monitoring its pricing, to use the available scope to reduce prices and to implement the automatic reimbursement of any surplus. It noted the measures already taken by the Centre to address the surplus.