2002 Discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union

2003/2247(DEC) - 09/03/2004 - Supplementary non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : Council Recommendation on the implementation of the EU's budget for the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union covering the financial year 2002. CONTENT : Taking into account the positive Report from the Court of Auditors concerning the Agency's annual accounts the Council recommends that the European Parliament should give a discharge to the Director of the Agency for the implementation of the budget covering the financial year 2002. The Council does, however, have some comments to make. They concern, in particular, the fact that for the financial year 2001-2002 only EUR 12.2 million, or 90%, of the EUR 13.5 million has been carried forward in appropriations. Similarly, for the financial year 2002-2003 only EUR 6.8 million has been carried forward in appropriations with EUR 4.2 million having to be cancelled. In respect to this situation the Council notes with satisfaction the efforts being made by the Agency to put in place a revised procedure to bring the processing of inspection fees in line with the principle of annuality. Concerning the global sum advances received by the Agency, the Council stresses the importance of finding a procedure in order to make the link between the customer deposits and their uses clearer. Lastly the Council requests that the implementation of internal control procedures for the purpose of efficient verification of invoices, be improved as quickly as possible.