1999 ECSC discharge: follow-up. Report

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PURPOSE : to present the follow-up report on the 1999 ECSC Discharge Procedure. CONTENT : this follow-up report sets out the responses of the Commission to the European Parliament resolution accompanying the decision giving discharge to the ECSC for the 1999 budget year. The EP resolution covers five main headings: winding up of the ECSC, follow-up of previous recommendations, cancellation of dormant commitments, repayment of taxes levied at source an loans to officials. In respect of the winding up of the ECSC, the Commission is able to report positively on the EP's demand principally in respect of evaluations to be carried out and the actions taken and to be take in respect of the follow-on activities. The Commission took action in 2000 to respond to points raised relating to previous recommendations (it decided in 2000 to develop a performance measurement system for the assets it has under management. This resulted in a return investment ratio of 4.72%). The Commission does not believe that it was slow in cancelling dormant commitments given the irreversibility of this section (corrective measures taken by the Commission in 2000 led to the cancellation of 90% of these commitments (EUR 23.5 million). Lastly, the Commission demonstrates its pro-active stance in respect of repayment of taxes levied at source and has taken action on the points raised in respect of loans to officials.