Decentralized Community agencies: plant variety rights

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OBJECTIVE: to amend Regulation (EC) No 2100/94 on the establishment of the Community Plant Variety Office in order to modify the regulatory framework governing the management of the Office's budget. CONTENT: the proposed changes relate to: - power of discharge: as this body is partly self-sufficient as far as its resources are concerned, a joint power of discharge is proposed. Discharge will be given by the board of directors of the Plant Variety Office, at the recommendation of the European Parliament; - own resources: as the Office has resources other than those from its annual budgetary allocation, it is proposed that surplus revenue be paid back into the general budget of the European Union once a reserve has been set up to meet any future expenditure. The sums allocated to this reserve must be agreed by the Commission, after consulting the European Parliament; - financial control: financial control of the Office will be carried out by the Commission's Financial Controller.