Decentralized Community agencies: European environment Agency, discharge

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In adopting the report by Mr Edward T. KELLETT-BOWMAN (PPE, UK) on the amendments to to the basic regulation on the European Environment Agency, Parliament welcomed the Commission proposal, which addressed issues of long-standing concern to Parliament with regard to the discharge and financial control of the decentralized bodies. However, Parliament called for: -all of the Agency's revenue to be budgetized and regarded as preallocated resources of the European Union, -the Agency to be able to constitute a reserve to cover future expenditure; surplus revenue was to be paid back into the general budget of the Union, -the entering of amounts in the reserve in the Agency's budget and their withdrawal from it to be subject to the agreement of the Commission, which should first consult Parliament, -the Financial Controller to ensure that the necessary practical arrangements are in place to allow swift and effective processing of the Agency's financial transactions and to prevent excessive recourse to the use of imprest accounts, -the Commission to evaluate the level of the fees received by the Agency after three years. It also recalled that it was a prerequisite to involve Parliament in the discharge procedure.