1994 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions EFILWC budget (Dublin)

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In adopting the report by Mr KELLETT-BOWMAN (PPE, RU), Parliament noted the figures for the Foundation's accounts and recommended again the appointment of a part-time financial controller, working under the Commission, as a means of reducing the excessive recourse to imprest accounts. It believed that this reform could be applied to all the external agencies of the European Community and, on this basis, it gave discharge to the Foundation in respect of the implementation of its budget for the 1994 financial year. It called on the Management Board of the Foundation to respect the terms of its financial regulation in respect of transfers of appropriations and to review its policy on holding large cash balances (and in future to draw down a smaller subsidy from the Commission in a manner more closely related to its actual need to carry out expenditure). Parliament pointed out that it was essential to avoid overlap between the activities of the Foundation and those of the Commission and other Community bodies with closely related mandates. It noted with satisfaction that the Commission was willing to report to it, and to present proposals as appropriate, aimed at ensuring greater complementarity and cost-effectiveness. Finally, it looked forward to the definitive resolution of the long-standing difficulties relating to the ownership of the land occupied by the Foundation, and asked to be notified of the legal formalities for acquisition.