2001 discharge: Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Freddy BLAK (EUL/NGL, Denmark) giving discharge to the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2001. (Please see the document dated 20/10/03.) Parliament felt that, concerning the evaluation of tenders for the purchase of goods and services other than external translations, there is scope for further improvement in the application by the Centre of quality assessment criteria. It went on to note the Centre's active participation in the Interinstitutional Translation and Interpretation Committee, which seeks to define and apply evaluation rules and criteria, on the quality of translation work. Parliament encouraged the Centre to continue such action ensuring better cooperation between institutions, especially with a view to finding the best way to meet the needs in this field in the light of the forthcoming enlargement. As a general point with regard to the Agencies, Parliament expressed its concern that the Commission's Internal Audit Service (IAS) does not carry out any checks on the Agencies. This implies that Articles 71 and 72 of Regulation 2343/2002/EC are not being adhered to and that, in practice, an outside control of the quality of management and control systems of the agencies is left to be carried out in the context of the Court of Auditors control. Parliament called on the Commission to ensure that the necessary resources are made available so that the IAS is in a position to fulfill its tasks with regard to the internal control systems in the Agencies. Finally, it asked the Commission to submit a proposal for an amendment to the constituent acts of the Agencies to ensure that their directors may in future be appointed only with the assent of Parliament.