2005 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction

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Having examined the revenue and expenditure account for the financial year 2005 and the balance sheet of revenue and expenditure at 31 December 2005 of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, the Council recommends the European Parliament to give a discharge to the Director of the Monitoring Centre in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2005.

In doing so, the Council confirms that EUR 500 000 (29%) of the EUR 1.7 million in appropriations carried forward from the financial year 2004 to the financial year 2005 have been used. In addition, EUR 1.1 million have been carried forward from the financial year 2005 to the financial year 2006 and EUR 2 million have been cancelled.

In parallel, the Council makes accompanying comments on the discharge which should be followed up. In particular, it:

- calls on the Centre to take all necessary measures, in particular regarding its procurement timing, to keep **automatic carry-overs** to a minimum, in order to comply with the principle of annuality;
- stresses the importance for the Centre of developing an **activity based-management** system. This initiative would make it possible to ascertain the Centre's various activities;
- calls on the Centre to properly apply the rules governing the staff **recruitment** process as well as the Staff Regulation;
- calls on the Centre to remedy all deficiencies revealed by the Court in the course of checks on **procurement and contracting procedures**.