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From: Budget Committee

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Council recommendations on the discharge to be given to the bodies set up under the TFEU and the Euratom Treaty in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2017  
– *Adoption*

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In the Annex to ANNEX 18:

1. on page 55:

a) the 2nd paragraph should read:

"While acknowledging the substantially extended mandate, and the increase of the budget and staff since 2016 ~~in the context of the migration crisis~~, the Council urges the Agency to take immediate actions to ensure an adequate level of control and monitoring in order to remedy the weaknesses found by the Court in the Agency's internal controls system, as well as to prevent weaknesses in future operations, and to ~~undertake measures to solve~~ address the recurrent issue of insufficient proof of expenditure ~~claimed~~ provided by cooperating countries. The Council repeats its supports for the Court's recommendation from 2016 and urges the Agency to implement ~~introduce~~ a simplified cost reimbursement model for operational activities."

b) the last paragraph should read:

"While acknowledging the Court' changes in its reporting approach on carryovers, as well as the multiannual nature of the Agency's operations, the Council regrets that, again, a high level of commitment appropriations was carried over to 2018. The Council ~~encourages~~ urges the Agency to continue improving its financial programming and monitoring of ~~the~~ budget implementation in order to reduce the unjustified level of commitments carried over and the amounts cancelled at the end of the following year to the strict minimum, in line with the budgetary principle of annuality.

2. on page 56, the last paragraph should read:

"Furthermore, the Council ~~invites~~ encourages the Agency ~~to pursue its efforts in order~~ to ensure a proper transparency and publicity of its vacancy notices, while avoiding unjustified costs."

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