DECISION (EU) 2019/2226 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 23 October 2019

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Asylum Support Office for the financial year 2017

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

— having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Asylum Support Office for the financial year 2017,

— having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Asylum Support Office for the financial year 2017, together with the Office's reply ([1]),

— having regard to the statement of assurance ([2]) as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2017, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to the Council's recommendation of 12 February 2019 on discharge to be given to the Office in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2017 (05825/2019 – C8-0098/2019),

— having regard to its decision of 26 March 2019 ([3]) postponing the discharge decision for the financial year 2017, and the replies from the Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office,

— having regard to Article 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 ([4]), and in particular Article 208 thereof,

— having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 ([5]), and in particular Article 70 thereof,

— having regard to Regulation (EU) No 439/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 May 2010 establishing a European Asylum Support Office ([6]), in particular Article 36 thereof,

— having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 of 30 September 2013 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 208 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([7]), and in particular Article 108 thereof,

— having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/715 of 18 December 2018 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies set up under the TFEU and Euratom Treaty and referred to in Article 70 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([8]), and in particular Article 105 thereof,

— having regard to Rule 100 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the second report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A9-0011/2019).

1. Refuses to grant the Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office discharge in respect of the implementation of the Office's budget for the financial year 2017;

2. Sets out its observations in the resolution below;

([1]) OJ C 434, 30.11.2018, p. 116.
([2]) OJ C 434, 30.11.2018, p. 116.
([3]) OJ L 249, 27.9.2019, p. 182.
([4]) OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.
([5]) OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.
([6]) OJ L 132, 29.5.2010, p. 11.
([7]) OJ L 328, 7.12.2013, p. 42.
([8]) OJ L 122, 10.5.2019, p. 1.

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision, and the resolution forming an integral part of it, to the Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors, and to arrange for their publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

The President
David Maria SASSOLI

The Secretary-General
Klaus WELLE