DECISION (EU) 2020/1859 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 13 May 2020

on the closure of the accounts of the European Environment Agency (EEA) for the financial year 2018

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

— having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2018,

— having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report on EU agencies for the financial year 2018, together with the agencies' replies ([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 2018, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to the Council's recommendation of 18 February 2020 on discharge to be given to the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2018 (05761/2020 — C9-0037/2020),

— 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 ([3]), 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 ([4]), and in particular Article 70 thereof,

— having regard to Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network ([5]), and in particular Article 13 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 ([6]), 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 ([7]), and in particular Article 105 thereof,

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

([1]) OJ C 417, 11.12.2019, p. 1.
([2]) OJ C 417, 11.12.2019, p. 34.
([3]) OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.
([4]) OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.
([5]) OJ L 126, 21.5.2009, p. 13.
([6]) OJ L 328, 7.12.2013, p. 42.
([7]) OJ L 122, 10.5.2019, p. 1.

— having regard to the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A9-0064/2020),

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2018;

2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors, and to arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

The President
David Maria SASSOLI

The Secretary-General
Klaus WELLE