DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 27 April 2006

on the closure of the accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004

(2006/831/EC)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

— having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004 ([1]),

— having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies ([2]),

— having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),

— having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,

— having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ([3]), and in particular Article 185 thereof,

— having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 of 7 May 1990 on the establishment of the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation network ([4]), and in particular Article 13 thereof,

— having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ([5]), and in particular Article 94 thereof,

— having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A6-0098/2006),

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003

(1 000 EUR)

	2004	2003
Revenue		
EC subsidy	28 658	28 723
Subventions	1 998	1 080
Bank interest	128	89
Total revenue (a)	**30 784**	**29 891**

([1]) OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 13.
([2]) OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 37.
([3]) OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.
([4]) OJ L 120, 11.5.1990, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1641/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 1).
([5]) OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

(1 000 EUR)

	2004	2003
Expenditure		
Total expenditure for Title 1		
Payments	12 447	11 123
Payments — Grants	2	
Appropriations carried over	435	315
Appropriations carried over — Grants	66	
Total expenditure for Title 2		
Payments (1)	3 451	2 447
Appropriations carried over	394	395
Total expenditure for Title 3		
Payments	9 534	5 997
Payments — Grants	14	
Appropriations carried over	4 845	7 008
Appropriations carried over — Grants	2 419	
Total expenditure (b)	**33 606**	**27 284**
Net result for the year (a — b)	**- 2 822**	**2 607**
Appropriations carried over and cancelled	508	295
Refunds carried over and cancelled	0	36
Balance carried over from the previous year	- 4 190	- 7 427
Grants cancelled	98	322
Exchange rate differences	3	- 4
Regularisation regarding previous years	43	- 18
Balance carried forward	**- 6 360**	**- 4 190**

(1) Includes 905 823 euros of property taxes paid to the Danish government. The Agency is of the opinion that the amount should be refunded. The issue is currently negotiated with the Danish government.

NB: The totals may include differences due to rounding.

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004;

3. 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 have it published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

The President
Josep BORRELL FONTELLES

The Secretary-General
Julian PRIESTLEY