DECISION (EU) 2020/1879 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 13 May 2020

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018, Section I — European Parliament

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

— having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018 ([1]),

— having regard to the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2018 (COM(2019)0316 – C9-0051/2019) ([2]),

— having regard to the report on budgetary and financial management for the financial year 2018, Section I – European Parliament ([3]),

— having regard to the Internal Auditor's annual report for the financial year 2018,

— having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report on the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2018, together with the institutions' replies ([4]),

— having regard to the statement of assurance ([5]) 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 Article 314(10) and Article 318 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 ([6]), and in particular Articles 164, 165 and 166 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 ([7]), and in particular Articles 260, 261 and 262 thereof,

— having regard to the Bureau decision of 10 December 2018 on the internal rules on the implementation of the European Parliament's budget, and in particular Article 34 thereof,

— having regard to Rule 100 and Rule 104(3) of, and Annex V to, its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A9-0021/2020),

([1]) OJ L 57, 28.2.2018.
([2]) OJ C 327, 30.9.2019, p. 1.
([3]) OJ C 340, 8.10.2019, p. 1.
([4]) OJ C 340, 8.10.2019, p. 1.
([5]) OJ C 340, 8.10.2019, p. 9.
([6]) OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.
([7]) OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

A. whereas the President adopted Parliament's accounts for the financial year 2018 on 27 June 2019;

B. whereas the Secretary-General, as principal authorising officer by delegation, certified, on 25 June 2019, his reasonable assurance that the resources assigned for Parliament's budget have been used for their intended purpose, in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and that control procedures established give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions;

C. whereas the audit of the Court of Auditors stated that, in its specific assessment of administrative and other expenditure in 2018, it did not identify any serious weaknesses in the examined annual activity reports of the institutions and bodies required by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046;

D. whereas Article 262(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 requires each Union institution to take all appropriate steps to act on the observations accompanying the Parliament's discharge decision;

1. Grants its President discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2018;

2. Sets out its observations in the resolution below;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution forming an integral part of it to 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