DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 17 April 2013

on the closure of the accounts of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011, Section III — Commission

(2013/544/EU, Euratom)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

— having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011 ([1]),

— having regard to the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2011 (COM(2012) 436 — C7-0224/2012) ([2]),

— having regard to the Commission's report on the follow-up to the discharge for the 2010 financial year (COM(2012) 585), and to the Commission staff working documents accompanying that report (SWD(2012) 340 and SWD(2012) 330),

— having regard to the Commission communication of 6 June 2012 entitled 'Synthesis of the Commission's management achievements in 2011' (COM(2012) 281),

— having regard to the Commission's annual report to the discharge authority on internal audits carried out in 2011 (COM(2012) 563), and to the Commission staff working document accompanying that report (SWD(2012) 283),

— having regard to the Annual Report of the Court of Auditors on the implementation of the budget concerning the financial year 2011, together with the institutions' replies ([3]), and to the Court of Auditors' special reports,

— having regard to the statement of assurance ([4]) 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 2011 pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to the Council's recommendation of 12 February 2013 on discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2011 (05752/2013 — C7-0038/2013),

— having regard to the Council's recommendation of 12 February 2013 on discharge to be given to the executive agencies in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2011 (05754/2013 — C7-0039/2013),

— having regard to Articles 317, 318 and 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 106a of the Euratom Treaty,

— 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 ([5]), and in particular Articles 55, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,

— 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 62, 164, 165 and 166 thereof,

([1]) OJ L 68, 15.3.2011.
([2]) OJ C 348, 14.11.2012, p. 1.
([3]) OJ C 344, 12.11.2012, p. 1.
([4]) OJ C 348, 14.11.2012, p. 130.
([5]) OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.
([6]) OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

— having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes [1], and in particular Article 14(2) and (3) thereof,

— having regard to Rule 76 of, and Annex VI to, its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinions of the other committees concerned (A7-0116/2013),

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011;

2. Sets out its observations in the resolution that forms an integral part of its Decisions on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011, Section III — Commission and executive agencies, and in its Resolution of 17 April 2013 on the Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2011 Commission discharge [2];

3. Instructs its President to forward this Decision to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice of the European Union, the Court of Auditors and the European Investment Bank, and to arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

The President
Martin SCHULZ

The Secretary-General
Klaus WELLE

[1] OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1.
[2] Texts adopted, P7-TA(2013)0123 (see page 68 of this Official Journal).