DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 17 April 2013

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2011, Section II — European Council and Council

(2013/536/EU)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

— having regard to the European Union general budget 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 – C7-0226/2012) ([2]),

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

— 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 Article 314(10) and Articles 317, 318 and 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— 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 50, 86, 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 164, 165 and 166 thereof,

— having regard to Decision No 31/2008 of the Secretary-General of the Council/High-Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy concerning reimbursement of travel expenses of delegates of Council Members ([7]),

— having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management ([8]),

— having regard to Rule 77 of, and Annex VI to, its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A7-0061/2013),

([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.
([7]) Decision stemming from the Rules of Procedure of the Council of 22 July 2002 (OJ L 230, 28.8.2002, p. 7).
([8]) OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Secretary-General of the Council discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Council's and the Council's budget for the financial year 2011;

2. Sets out its observations in the Resolution below;

3. Instructs its President to forward this Decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the European Council, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice of the European Union, the Court of Auditors, the European Ombudsman and the European Data Protection Supervisor, and to arrange for their publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

The President
Martin SCHULZ

The Secretary-General
Klaus WELLE