32. Regrets the Commission's failure to include the analysis submitted by the Ombudsman's services on the implementation of the Ombudsman Annex budget in the overall presentation of the Revenue and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for 1998;

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33. Postpones the granting of discharge and instructs its Secretary General to take the following steps:

— present an action plan to dramatically reduce the number of restricted tenders and direct agreements;

— complete and present the 1998 inventory;

— inform the appropriate bodies on the progress of current disciplinary procedures, especially those linked to cases lost in the Court of Justice;

— present a long-term building policy including financing, new investments and expected total costs, as well as an action plan to avoid contractual obligations limiting the European Parliament's possibilities for open tendering;

— present a timetable for the administrative reform of the European Parliament;

and expects that:

— the new contracts authorised for the security and guarding of its buildings in Strasbourg will be in full accordance with the rules, especially on calls for tender;

— in the light of the final report of the Court of Auditors on the expenditure of political groups, the latter will present specific measures in order to rectify the disclosed shortcomings within two months of receiving the report;

34. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.

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5. EAGGF, Guarantee Section (1993, 1994 and 1995 discharge)

A5-0095/2000

I.

Decision of the European Parliament granting discharge to the Commission in respect of the decisions on clearance of accounts of the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF for the 1993, 1994 and 1995 financial years (C4-0128/1998 — C4-0372/1998 — C5-0167/2000 — 1997/2167(DEC))

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts and the financial statement for the 1993, 1994 and 1995 financial years (C4-0128/1998 — C4-0372/1998 — C5-0167/2000),

— having regard to the summary reports on the results of inspections concerning the clearance of the EAGGF Guarantee Section accounts for 1993, 1994 and 1995,

— having regard to the annual report of the Court of Auditors concerning the 1997 financial year [1] and the annual report concerning 1998 [2],

— having regard to the special reports of the Court of Auditors for the 1993 financial year [3] and on the management of Community cereals trade involving export refunds, special import arrangements and regional aid schemes [4],

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

[1] OJ C 349, 17.11.1998.
[2] OJ C 349, 3.12.1999.
[3] OJ C 52, 21.2.1997, OJ C 121, 20.4.1998.
[4] OJ C 159, 26.5.1997.

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— having regard to Rule 93 of and to Annex V to the Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A5-0095/2000),

1. Notes that the financial correction for expenditure of € 32 397 million in financial year 1993, decided on 23 April 1997 and 30 July 1997, amounted to € 744 million;

2. Notes that the financial correction for expenditure of € 33 593 million in financial year 1994, decided on 6 May 1998 [1], amounted to € 308 million;

3. Notes that the financial correction for expenditure of € 34 503 million in financial year 1995, taken on 3 February 1999 and 28 July 1999 and 1 March 2000, amounted to € 595 million;

4. Grants discharge to the Commission, subject to the receipt of further information concerning the Fléchard case, the export refund scheme and the operation of the common organisation of markets, in respect of the clearance of accounts for the 1993, 1994 and 1995 financial years;

5. Records its comments in the resolution which forms part of this decision;

6. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution containing its comments to the Commission, the Council, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors and the European Investment Bank and to have them published in the Official Journal (L series).

[1] cf. Commission decision 98/358/EC (OJ L 163, 6.6.1998, p. 28).

II.

European Parliament resolution containing the comments accompanying the decision granting discharge to the Commission in respect of the decisions on clearance of accounts of the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF for the 1993, 1994 and 1995 financial years (C4-0128/1998 — C4-0372/1998 — C5-0167/2000 — 1997/2167(DEC))

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts and the financial statement for the 1993, 1994 and 1995 financial years (C4-0128/1998 — C4-0372/1998 — C5-0167/2000),

— having regard to the summary reports on the results of inspections concerning the clearance of the EAGGF Guarantee Section accounts for 1993, 1994 and 1995,

— having regard to the annual report of the Court of Auditors concerning the 1997 financial year [1] and the annual report concerning 1998 [2],

— having regard to the special reports of the Court of Auditors for the 1993 financial year [3] and on the management of Community cereals trade involving export refunds, special import arrangements and regional aid schemes [4],

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

— having regard to Rule 93 of and to Annex V to the Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A5-0095/2000),

A. whereas the clearance of accounts must ensure that the Community is not charged for any amounts paid without a legal basis,

[1] OJ C 349, 17.11.1998.
[2] OJ C 349, 3.12.1999.
[3] OJ C 52, 21.2.1997, OJ C 121, 20.4.1998.
[4] OJ C 159, 26.5.1997.