DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 22 April 2008

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (formerly the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia) for the financial year 2006

(2009/209/EC)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

— having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for the financial year 2006 ([1]),

— having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the final annual accounts of the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (formerly the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia) for the financial year 2006, together with the Agency's replies ([2]),

— having regard to the Council's recommendation of 12 February 2008 (5843/2008 — C6-0084/2008),

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

— having regard to the 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 (EC) No 168/2007 of 15 February 2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights ([4]), and in particular Article 21 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 ([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 Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0113/2008),

1. Grants the Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (formerly the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2006;

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 Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 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	*The Secretary-General*
Hans-Gert PÖTTERING	Harald RØMER

([1]) OJ C 261, 31.10.2007, p. 1.
([2]) OJ C 309, 19.12.2007, p. 6.
([3]) OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.
([4]) OJ L 53, 22.2.2007, p. 1.
([5]) OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72.