



OLAF Supervisory Committee

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OLAF's Preliminary Draft Budget for 2007

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The OLAF Supervisory Committee has discussed in its meetings dated 20/21 of March and 25/26 of April 2006 “OLAF’s Preliminary Draft Budget for the European Anti-Fraud Office for 2007” and adopted the following opinion:

### **Opinion:**

OLAF’s preliminary draft budget 2007 is essentially a continuation of OLAF’s budget for 2006 with certain minor additional requests in order to cope with the enlargements (EUR 10, Bulgaria and Rumania).

In the area of human resources the Committee notes the high portion of temporary agents in comparison with the Commission’s average and the high number of vacant posts which OLAF intends to reduce with the recruitment of temporary agents from the reserve list of the ongoing selection and from EPSO reserve lists for permanent officials. The recruitment of new officials will require additional efforts in training.

Stability and continuity of staffing is needed in the employment of temporary agents and OLAF envisages an overall balance in a certain number of services, among them communication.

The Supervisory Committee requires that the allocation of posts for the secretariat of the OLAF Supervisory Committee be reestablished according to the former level of the preceding budget.

OLAF is making efforts to satisfy all the needs of the Supervisory Committee and its secretariat in terms of human and financial resources to enable the Supervisory Committee to fulfil its legal mandate in full independence.

OLAF’s Director General has given the Supervisory Committee a firm and binding commitment to put at its disposal all the human and financial resources the Supervisory Committee requires in order to comply with its legal mandate and its working program.

Under these circumstances the Supervisory Committee supports OLAF’s budget proposal.