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OPINION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD ON EFSA's FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020

The Management Board takes note of EFSA's Final Accounts for the budget year 2020. On the basis of:

- the certification of the accounts by EFSA's Accounting Officer;
- the information provided by the Accounting Officer during the Audit Committee meeting on 23rd June 2021;
- the information provided by the Accounting Officer during this Management Board meeting on 24th June 2021;
- the unqualified audit opinions on both the reliability of the accounts and legality and regularity of the transactions underlying the accounts, issued by the European Court of Auditors in the Preliminary observation with a view to report on the annual accounts of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2020;

The Management Board has obtained reasonable assurance that EFSA's 2020 final accounts give a true and fair view of EFSA's financial position as of 31 December 2020.

On the above basis, the Management Board gives a positive opinion on the final accounts for the budget year 2020.

The Management Board looks forward to the report and observations of the Budgetary Authority at the end of the discharge procedure. The Board requests the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority to take into account the eventual observations and remarks with a view to further consolidating the Authority's accountability, effectiveness and efficiency in the coming period.

This opinion will be sent together with EFSA's final accounts, to the Commission's Accounting Officer, the European Court of Auditors, the European Parliament and the Council by 1st July 2021, as required under EFSA's Financial Regulation.

Adopted at the Management Board meeting held in virtual modality on 24 June 2021

For the EFSA Management Board

[NOT SIGNED]

Raymond O'Rourke

Chair of the Management Board