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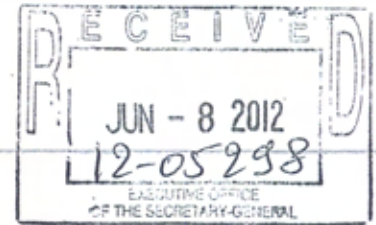
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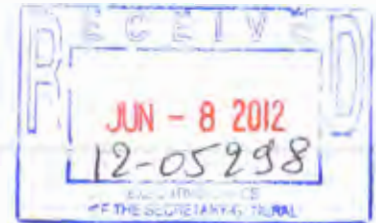
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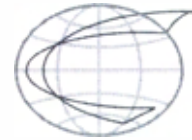


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INTOSAI Initiative

Ensuring Good Governance, transparency and accountability
by strengthening public sector auditing



Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) are cornerstones of good governance. They provide independent and reliable information on government spending and operations which facilitates transparency and accountability. To maintain their credibility and to perform their task efficiently, SAIs must be independent of the governmental agencies they audit, and be protected from any form of outside influence. The Declarations of Lima (1977) and Mexico (2007) delineated the basic principles of independence of public sector auditing by SAIs.

Since 1953, the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) has functioned as an umbrella organisation for SAIs. It provides an institutionalized framework for its members to develop and exchange knowledge, to improve public sector auditing and to enhance professional capacities. At present, INTOSAI has 190 full and 4 associate members. It is an autonomous, independent and non-political organisation with headquarters in Vienna, Austria (<http://www.intosai.org>).

Since 1968 the General Secretariat of INTOSAI is located in Vienna, Austria, at the Court of Audit of the Republic of Austria. It provides central administrative support to INTOSAI, manages the INTOSAI budget, assists the INTOSAI Board and INTOSAI Congresses, facilitates communication among members, and organizes seminars and special studies. Dr. Josef Moser is the current Secretary General of INTOSAI and the President of the Austrian Court of Audit (since 1 July 2004).

INTOSAI has a long-standing relationship with the UN. It enjoys Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC, and, since 1971, in cooperation with UNDESA, has organized seminars and symposia which provide training for SAI staff in all countries, including developing and transitional countries. INTOSAI plans to further strengthen its cooperation with the UN.

On 22 December 2011 the General Assembly adopted by consensus a resolution which

- recognizes the role of SAIs in promoting the efficiency, transparency and accountability of public administration;
- emphasizes that SAIs must be independent to accomplish their task;
- recognizes the work of INTOSAI;
- encourages Member States to apply the INTOSAI-Declarations of Lima and Mexico on the independence of Supreme Audit Institutions;
- and encourages Member States and the UN to intensify cooperation with INTOSAI.

Altogether 68 Member States co-sponsored the resolution.