

**Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Meeting of ECOSAI**

**25<sup>th</sup> of June 2002 – Ankara**

1- The seventh Meeting of the Governing Board of ECOSAI was convened at Ankara on the 25 of June 2002. The venue was the new building of the TCA. Mr. Mehmet Damar, The President Turkish Court of Accounts welcomed the heads of the SAIs and delegates from the member SAIs to the convention. The delegations of the ECOSAI consisted of the following:

Seyed Kazem Mirvalad, President of ECOSAI and Supreme Audit Court of Iran

Ali Mohammad Ghasemi, Director General of Administrative and Logistic Affairs, Supreme Audit Court of Iran

Hussein M. Abdullahi, Director Economic Cooperation Organization Affairs Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran

Manzur Hussain, Secretary General of ECOSAI and Auditor General of Pakistan

Zahid Saeed, Director General, Office of the Auditor General of Pakistan

Fakhraddin Ismayilov, Vice Chairman of the Chamber of Auditors of Azerbaijan

Jafar Hasanov, Auditor of the Chamber of Accounts of Azerbaijan

Taalaibek Nurmanbetov, Deputy Chairman of the Accounts Chamber of Kyrgyz Republic

Mehmet Damar, President of the Turkish Court of Accounts

İsmail Benhür, Secretary General of the Turkish Court of Accounts

Erol Akbulut, Assistant Secretary General of the Turkish Court of Accounts

Cevad Gürer, Head of International Relations Department of the Turkish Court of Accounts

Gülsün Canova, Head of the Training Department of the Turkish Court of Accounts

Gül Nogay, Principal Auditor, Turkish Court of Accounts

Füsün Karaman, Senior Auditor, Turkish Court of Accounts

Cem Suat Aral, Senior Auditor, Turkish Court of Accounts

2- Mr. Soner Vehbi, President of the Court of Audit of the Muslim Turkish community in Cyprus (TRNC) attended the meeting as an observer.

3- In his welcome address the President of the TCA wished the participants a successful convention. After this the President of ECOSAI, Mr. Seyed Kazem Mirvalad addressed the meeting. He expressed his thanks to Mr. Mehmet Damar for the excellent arrangement. He also thanked the Secretary General Mr. Manzur Hussain for the Secretariat's efforts to develop the organization. He delved into the training plans of the ECOSAI and mentioned the need for participation of all the members of ECOSAI through bilateral meetings. He wished

for recognition by INTOSAI of ECOSAI and desired that effort be made in this regard. Full text of this speech is at Annex A.

4- Meeting then moved to consider the agenda suggested by the host and adopted the same.

5- Secretary General ECOSAI, Mr. Manzur Hussain presented his report to the BoG. He observed that the ECOSAI was a result of aspirations of member countries of the region to develop ties of cooperation in State Auditing. It was he felt, gradually maturing into a viable organization. He recounted the desire of the 6th BoG meeting for strengthening the ECOSAI. In carrying out some of the planned activities by the Secretariat, the Secretary General reported on the conduct of the first ECOSAI Training Seminar at Lahore during March 2002. Financial assistance by the Islamic Development Bank in holding the seminar was acknowledged. The training seminar was a success in terms of the feedback received from the participants as well as evaluators. He appreciated the cooperation of the member states in making the training advent a success. He informed that only half of the Islamic Development Bank grant had been expended on the first seminar and the balance had been refunded to the Bank. However he proposed to request the Bank for approving the refunded balance to hold the next course so that member states that could not avail of the first one could benefit.

6- The Secretary General's report also related developments in engaging other member SAIs and informed the house that in the current year they were expecting a visit from at least one SAI Head, and hopefully more exchange visits can be organized. Full text of his speech is at Annex "B"

7- Next the financial statements and accounts were presented by the Pakistani delegation along with the budget for three years. There were no observations hence these were adopted. Annex "C".

8- Next item of discussion was regarding contributions from members of ECOSAI. There were some arrears due from most members and it was decided that they may bring these contributions up-to-date. Secretary General raised two issues at this point 1) Preparation of accounts and election of an audit committee, 2) Association of non-active members. The Secretariat had received a formal request from Afghanistan to be included in the ECOSAI. Article 12.1 of the Charter allows membership through the Assembly.

President of TCA wished acceptance of Afghanistan in the ECOSAI and also supported appointment of an audit committee.

Mr Fakhraddin Ismayilov of Azerbaijan conveyed the respect of the Chairman of his Chamber of Auditors of Azerbaijan to ECOSAI and thanked the President of TCA for help and support. Mr. Jafar Hasanov of Azerbaijan then took the floor. He informed that his organization would now be representing Azerbaijan in the ECOSAI.

Mr. Taalaibek Nurmanbetov took the floor on the subject of the Kyrgyzstan's efforts to establish new contacts with non-active members. He suggested names of countries that could be contacted by the members. He reported of his contacts, especially Uzbekistan. Regarding participation of Afghanistan, he welcomed it

Stressing the ECOSAI's not being a political organization but a professional one, Mr. Soner Vehbi of TRNC expressed his wish to become a full member

Mr. Abdullahi of the Iranian delegation then spoke. He discussed the possibility of Afghanistan's participation in the ECOSAI and welcomed it. He requested an annual report of ECOSAI for the ECO Council of Ministers. He proposed to place the issue of participation to the ECO Council of Ministers in line with article no 7, Para 7.2, sub Para e of the ECOSAI Charter.

The Secretary General thanked and appreciated the efforts of SAI Kyrgyzstan to contact non-active members. Regarding the full membership of TRNC the matter was to be reconsidered by the assembly. He discussed the role of the secretariat in obtaining participation from non-active members. He spoke of the technical problems in tagging ECOSAI with the ECO Secretariat.

Mr. Damar of TCA felt that ECOSAI should not be under ECO. ECOSAI should be independent. After discussions, reconsideration of the matter to motivate other countries through Council of Ministers of ECO was postponed.

9- Next the Secretary General gave suggestions for an action plan for the current year. In terms of the 6th BoG Meeting, the Secretariat suggested the following action plan of the ECOSAI during the year 2002:-

(a). Holding a second course on Performance Auditing by SAI Pakistan especially for those ECOSAI member countries who

were unable to attend for some reasons during March 2002. Auditors from all member states would however, be welcome. This would be subject to availability of funds from the Islamic Development Bank Jeddah and who will be approached for the purpose.

(b). Conducting a two weeks training programme by SAI Pakistan on Audit of Privatization; April 2003 .

( c ). Issue of the ECOSAI Circular for 2002 by SAI Turkey and subject to their convenience conduct of training courses by SAIs Iran and Turkey in terms of the minutes of the 2nd Meeting of ECOSAI Training Committee held on 24th of May, 2001.

( d ). Printing of the ECOSAI Directory by the Secretariat after confirmation of a draft by members of the ECOSAI.

(e). Exchange visits beginning by tour of Mr. Azmat Kangeliev, Chairman of the Accounts Chamber of Kyrgyz Republic to Islamabad in October 2002.

Ms Gülsün Canova of TCA gave details of the training plan. In May 2003 course on budget procedures will be hosted by TCA with IDB assistance. Similarly, SAI Iran will hold a course on performance management auditing funded by IDB during October 2002. The Secretary General requested for the proposals so that IDB could be informed. He proposed meeting of the training committee in Islamabad. This was endorsed by the President. Action plan was approved.

10- For agenda item no 10 President SAI Iran briefed on holding 3<sup>rd</sup> International Seminar and 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of ECOSAI in May 2003 at Tehran. He stressed attendance of all members and presentation of country papers. The selected topics are:

- Good governance and,
- Prevention and detection of fraud and corruption.

Secretary General requested for the country papers at an early date (six months prior to the Seminar). Pakistan would write on good governance.

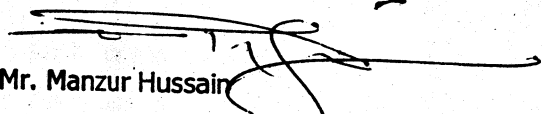
11- After discussions of the high cost of construction of a web site by the Secretariat, the SAI Turkey offered to host an ECOSAI home page under TCA web page; Feasibility will be reported. Mr. Nurmanbetov stressed the need for a web site irrespective of cost.

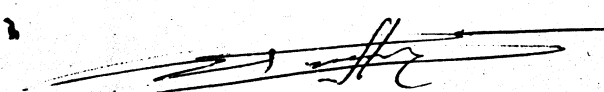
12- Discussing other matters, the BoG approved an interim Auditing Committee consisting of Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan to audit accounts of the ECOSAI. President SAI Iran informed of holding the 8<sup>th</sup> BoG in Tehran with the connection of the Assembly in 2003.

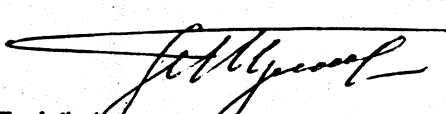
13- With the above, the meeting was brought to close with expression of gratitude from the President to all participants and the host. Text of the closing address is at Annex "D".

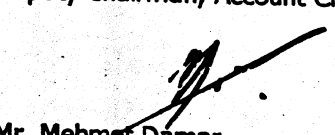
14- We, the undersigned have read the minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> BoG and find them to our agreement.

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Mr. Manzur Hussain  
Secretary General of ECOSAI and Auditor General of Pakistan

  
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Deputy Chairman, Account Chamber Kyrgyzstan

  
Mr. Mehmet Damar  
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