

**Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting**  
**April 27, 2006 Ankara – Turkey**

The 11<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting was held on April 28, 2006 in Ankara, Turkey. The following members attended the meeting as Heads of Delegations.

- Mr. Mehmet Damar, President of the Turkish Court of Accounts and President of ECOSAI.
- Mr. Muhammad Yunis Khan, Auditor-General of Pakistan and Secretary General of ECOSAI.
- Mr. Mohammad Reza Rahimi, President of the Supreme Audit Court of Iran.
- Mr. Namig Nasrullayev, Chairman of Chamber of Accounts of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
- Mr. Kubanychbek Karybaev, Auditor of the Accounts Chamber of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Mr. Soner Vehbi, President of the Court of Audit of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) attended the meeting as observer. The complete list of participants is at Annexure-I.

**2. Opening of the Meeting.**

Mr. Mehmet Damar, the President of the Turkish Court of Accounts, the President of the ECOSAI and host of the event, inaugurated the 11<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting and welcomed the delegates. The President of the ECOSAI, Mr. Mehmet Damar delivered the opening speech (Annex-II). He expressed satisfaction over the organization's achievements so far and expressed optimism that proceedings of this meeting will guide the organization in achieving its objectives. The President also requested the BOG members to help in accelerating the ECOSAI activities.

**3. Business of the Meeting.**

**i) Adoption of Agenda Points.**

The proposed agenda for the 11<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Meeting was unanimously adopted (Annex-III).

**ii) Activity Report by the Secretary General.**

The Auditor-General of Pakistan and the Secretary General of the ECOSAI Mr. Muhammad Yunis Khan presented the report on the activities of the ECOSAI for

2005(Annex-IV). He highlighted various initiatives taken by the organization and explained the progress made during the year. The activity report covered the ECOSAI Training Workshop on the "Audit of Privatization" organized by the SAI Pakistan with the financial assistance of the Islamic Development Bank. Publishing of the 6<sup>th</sup> issue of the ECOSAI Circular, preparation of the annual accounts for the year 2005 and training related activities of the Secretariat were also covered in the report.

The Secretary General in his report emphasized that in order to effectively utilize the donor funding for training, the ECOSAI members should regularly send their personnel for the ECOSAI sponsored training programmes.

### **iii) Presentation of the Annual Accounts of the ECOSAI for 2005**

The Secretariat presented the accounts of ECOSAI for the year ending December 31, 2005 (Annexure-V).

### **iv) Presentation of the 6<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Training Committee Report.**

The Director General, SAI Pakistan presented the report of the 6<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Training Committee Meeting held on April 26, 2006 at Ankara, Turkey (Annexure-VI). The 6<sup>th</sup> TCM noted that the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) funded training course on "Audit of Privatization" has been successfully held in Lahore during March 2006. The TCM observed that only four SAIs participated in the course and therefore, proposed that for future programmes the ECO Secretariat be approached for covering the international travel costs of the trainees, which would encourage more SAIs to participate in the training activities.

Since the IDB was in the process of developing their assistance programme for the period 1428-30 Hijrah, the TCM recommended that the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) may be approached by the Secretariat for providing finances during 2007. The TCM further recommended that the IDB may also be requested to support programmes in 2008 and 2009 for which the topics will be finalized and communicated to the IDB on finalization of the revised training programme.

In view of the findings of the ECOSAI TNA questionnaire prepared by the SAI Iran, and pending the finalization of the ASOSAI TNA Study, the 6<sup>th</sup> TCM recommended that the ECOSAI calendar of courses be finalized after the formal release of the ASOSAI TNA Study which will be circulated by the Secretariat among the TCM members. The TCM recommended that the TNA Specialists nominated by the SAIs of Iran, Turkey, and Pakistan and circulated by the Secretariat, will formulate their findings. The TCM also recommended that

countries requiring translations during the course delivery should contribute the services of the interpreters.

While discussing the TCM report the Secretary General proposed and the SAI Iran supported that the ECOSAI members may also explore the possibility of bilateral training cooperation between the member states. The Governing Board approved the 6<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Training Committee Report.

**v) Report on the Publication of the ECOSAI Circular by SAI Pakistan.**

The SAI Pakistan circulated the fifth issue of ECOSAI Circular. The Secretary General highlighted the need for enhancing the quality of the Circular through substantive contributions from the member states. The BOG recommended that efforts should be made by all the members to contribute articles of professional interest for the ECOSAI circular.

**vi) Report on Islamic Development Bank funded ECOSAI Training Workshop on Audit of Privatization.**

The Secretariat presented the report of the ECOSAI Training Workshop on the "Audit of Privatization" held from 13 – 24, 2006 at Lahore, Pakistan (Annexure-VII). The workshop was based on the Experiential Learning Model, which proved to be effective in dissemination of concepts and tools among the trainees. The BOG observed that the participation level in the said Workshop needed to be improved

**vii) Report by the SAI Turkey on preparation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the ECOSAI to be held in Turkey in 2007.**

The SAI Turkey informed the board members that keeping in view the desires of the BOG members, the 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the ECOSAI will be held in Antalya, Turkey. Regarding the timing of the Assembly, it was decided by the BOG that the dates may be finalized after taking into account the month of Ramadan and other international events like the meetings of the INTOSAI and ASOSAI. It was accordingly decided that the SAI Turkey will finalize the dates for the 4<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Assembly and communicate to the Secretariat by the end of October 2006.

The President also informed the BOG that the representative from the SAI Kyrgyz Republic has communicated their desire to hold the next BOG in the Kyrgyz Republic. The President and the Secretary General thanked the SAI Kyrgyz Republic for their gracious offer of hosting the next ECOSAI BOG. The Board members welcomed the offer and decided that, since the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> BOG

meetings will be held together with the 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly, the 14th BOG meeting of the ECOSAI will be held in the Kyrgyz Republic in 2008.

**viii) 4<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI International Seminar to be held in Turkey with 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the ECOSAI**

- a. **Theme of the Seminar:** Various topics for the Seminar, proposed by the Secretariat and the SAI Iran, were discussed by the Board members and it was decided that "the Role of the SAIs in Developing Economies" would be the theme for the 4<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Seminar. After discussion it was also decided that a member SAI could present more than one paper during the Seminar.
- b. **Presentation of the Seminar papers:** The Board unanimously decided that all the members participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Assembly should be encouraged to contribute country papers for the 4<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Seminar.

**ix) Other matters.**

The Chairman SAI Azerbaijan thanked the SAI Turkey for excellently organizing the 11<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting. Regarding the themes for the seminars he suggested that in order to cover a broad range of topics during the seminar activity, different areas should be included in the seminar themes and topics. The Secretary General observed that as per the past practice the themes for the triennial seminars to be held with the ECOSAI Assembly may be selected by the BOG. He suggested that the member SAIs interested in holding other seminars should convey their preparedness to the Secretariat and the Secretariat would disseminate the information to the members of the ECOSAI. The Secretariat would also nominate a representative to attend such seminars and develop reports for the ECOSAI BOG. The proposal was agreed to by the BOG members for inclusion in the minutes of the meeting.

SAI Iran again suggested the possibility of closer relationship between the ECO and the ECOSAI in order to get an increased support in its operations. The President of the ECOSAI observed that since ECO is a political institution, it would compromise the independence of an SAI if it is attached to some other organization because it may become dependent on it.

On the SAI TRNC's concern over not including a news item sent by them in the ECOSAI circular, the Director General SAI Pakistan assured the BOG members that all efforts have been made to include all the information sent by the members in the ECOSAI Directory, Circular and the Website. Any information received by

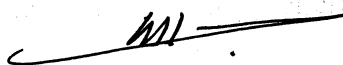
the Secretariat and not included so far will be included in the subsequent issues and updates.

The quality of articles being printed in the circular was another concern raised by the SAI Turkey. The Auditor General of Pakistan observed that the printing of the circular had become a regular activity since the responsibility was taken up by the SAI Pakistan and the quality can only improve if the member countries send in more substantive and informative articles. The Auditor General of Pakistan assured the Board members that translated versions of articles contributed for the ECOSAI Circular will also be published along with the original text.

#### 4. Closing of the Meeting

The President TCA in his closing remarks congratulated all the members of the BOG and the representative of the SAI TRNC for making effective contribution to the proceedings of the 11<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting. He thanked the Secretariat and the staff of the TCA for making this event possible and expressed his wish to welcome all the ECOSAI members to the 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the ECOSAI to be held in Turkey in 2007. The meeting ended with a note of thanks to the Chair.

**Mehmet Damar**, President of the Turkish court of Accounts and President of ECOSAI.



**Muhammad Yunis Khan**, Auditor-General of Pakistan and Secretary General of ECOSAI.



**Mohammad Reza Rahimi**, President of the Supreme Audit Court of Iran.



**Namig Nasrullayev**, Chairman Chamber of Accounts of the Republic of Azerbaijan.



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