

## **Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting**

*October 4, 2011 Ankara, Turkey*

The 16<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Governing Board Meeting was held on October 4, 2011 in Ankara, Turkey. The following attended the meeting as Heads of Delegations.

- Dr. Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli, President of the Supreme Audit Court of Iran and President of the ECOSAI,
- Mr. Muhammad Akhtar Buland Rana, Auditor-General of Pakistan and Secretary General of the ECOSAI,
- Dr. Recai Akyel, President of the Turkish Court of Accounts,
- Mr. Sabyrbek Moldokulov, Chairman of the Accounts Chamber of the Kyrgyzstan

The complete list of participants is at Annex-I.

### **1. Opening of the Meeting**

The President of the Supreme Audit Court of Iran and the President of the ECOSAI, Dr. Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli, welcomed the delegates. The President expressed his pleasure in presiding over the 16<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Governing Board (GB) meeting in Ankara. He welcomed Mr. Muhammad Akhtar Buland Rana, the new Auditor General of Pakistan and the Secretary General ECOSAI on the assumption of his office as the Head of the SAI Pakistan and General Secretariat of the ECOSAI. While lauding the services of the previous Secretary General of the ECOSAI, he expressed optimism that the Secretariat would bid well under his leadership. On invitation of the President of the ECOSAI, Dr. Recai Akyel, President of the Turkish Court of Accounts and the host gave a welcome address and expressed his pleasure for being given the opportunity to hold the GB meeting. The opening speech of the President ECOSAI is placed as Annex-II

### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

The proposed agenda (Annex-III) for the 16<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI GB meeting was unanimously adopted.

### **3. Activity Report by the Secretary General**

The Auditor General of Pakistan and the Secretary General of the ECOSAI Mr. Muhammad Akhtar Buland Rana presented the activity report (Annex-IV) of the ECOSAI Secretariat on the activities since the 15th GB meeting held in Astana. While thanking the President of the ECOSAI for his kind remarks he also thanked the President of the TCA, the honorable delegates and the members of the SAI of Turkey for their dedicated work for the event without which it would not have been possible. He hoped that the deliberations during this Governing Board Meeting would be wide-ranging and fruitful.

The Secretary General informed the Governing Board that the ECOSAI Secretariat had initiated various actions to implement the decisions of the 15<sup>th</sup> GB meeting and maintained a consistent communication with the member states and despite gaps, he felt satisfied that the ECOSAI had made progress in a number of areas.

The Secretary General highlighted that since the inception of this organization, the ECOSAI members had emphasized promoting cooperation amongst the Member States in the areas of training and capacity building which could best be achieved by enhancing the skills of their personnel through providing them exposure to modern tools and techniques pertinent to state auditing. He informed the GB about the postponement of the training program by the SAI Kyrgyzstan from 2011 to 2012. He also informed about various initiatives taken for convening the Extraordinary Session of the ECOSAI Assembly along with the 16<sup>th</sup> GB meeting and explained the progress made with respect to publication of the ECOSAI Circular. The Secretary General stressed the need for participation of all member SAIs in organizational and professional activities to achieve its objectives.

### **4. Approval of the Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December, 2010**

The Director General (IR&C) of the SAI Pakistan presented the accounts of the ECOSAI for the year ending December 31, 2010. The 16<sup>th</sup> GB meeting approved the ECOSAI accounts for the period ending December 31, 2010.

**5. Approval of the 11<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI Training Committee Report and its Future Plans**

The Director General (IR&C) of the SAI Pakistan presented the report of the 11<sup>th</sup> Training Committee meeting (TCM) held on October 4, 2011 and informed the GB about the recommendation to form a task force to look into ways and means for funding future trainings programs and various other issues discussed during the 11<sup>th</sup> TCM. The 16<sup>th</sup> GB meeting adopted the recommendations of the 11<sup>th</sup> TCM, placed at Annex V.

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

The SAI Pakistan circulated the eleventh issue of ECOSAI Circular. The participants lauded the efforts of the SAI Pakistan in this regard. The meeting suggested that in future all members should contribute articles of professional and technical interest for the ECOSAI Circular.

**7. Aligning the provision of accommodation and transportation at the ECOSAI meetings with the practice of INTOSAI and ASOSAI**

The President of TCA, Dr. Recai Akyel presented his report on the Agenda item number 7 of the GB, explaining that the practice of providing accommodation and transportation for attending the ECOSAI meetings was neither in conformity with the Rule 7 of the Financial Rules of the ECOSAI nor was consistent with practice being followed in ASOSAI and INTOSAI. He, therefore, proposed that the existing practice being followed by the ECOSAI may henceforth be made consistent with the ECOSAI Financial Rule 7 and all members should bear travel and accommodation cost for all events. He emphasized that the proposal had been tabled to give equal opportunity to all member SAIs to hold the ECOSAI events. The GB unanimously approved the proposal of the SAI Turkey.

**8. Other matters**

The President of the ECOSAI highlighted an important issue regarding inactivity of some of the member SAIs. On this issue the SAIs of Iran, Pakistan, Turkey and Kyrgyzstan expressed their views and made various suggestions to actively engage the non participating members. It was resolved that the Secretariat be made responsible to use the diplomatic channels in Islamabad for highlighting the importance of the ECOSAI and state

audit in the region and persuading the SAIs of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan to start actively participating in the ECOSAI activities.

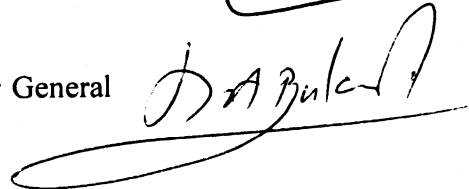
**9. Closing Address by the President of the ECOSAI**

In his closing address, Dr. Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli, President of the Supreme Audit Court of Iran and President of the ECOSAI thanked all the delegates for their active participation in the 16<sup>th</sup> ECOSAI GB meeting and expressed satisfaction with the proceedings of the GB. He expressed the hope that the Extraordinary Session of the Assembly would further contribute to achieving the objectives of the ECOSAI.

**Dr. Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli**, President of the Supreme Audit Court of Iran and President of the ECOSAI



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