

**ECOSAI**

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THIRD ASSEMBLY and SECOND SEMINAR  
21-22 May, 2000, Tehran



**Minutes of the Fifth  
Governing Board Meeting of ECOSAI**

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## Minutes of the Fifth Governing Board Meeting of ECOSAI Tehran-Iran, 21/22 May 2000

The Fifth Meeting of the Governing Board of ECOSAI was held on 21st May 2000 in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. The following Board members attended the meeting as heads of delegations:

- \_ Mr. Vahid Novruzov, Chairman of the Chamber of Auditors, Azerbaijan Republic
- \_ Mr. Seyed Kazem Mirvalad, President of the Supreme Audit Court, Islamic Republic of Iran
- \_ Mr. Medet Sadyrkulov, Chairman of the Accounts Chamber of Kyrgyz Republic
- \_ Mr. Manzur Hussain, Auditor General, Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- Mr. Hasan Bas, Secretary General of the Court of Accounts, Republic of Turkey

Complete list of participants is at Annex I.

### 1. Opening of the Meeting:

The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Koran. Then Mr. Seyed Kazem Mirvalad, President of the Supreme Audit Court of Iran and President of ECOSAI inaugurated formally the meeting and welcomed the delegates to the Islamic Republic of Iran. Copy of the Welcome address is at Annex II. After the welcome address of Mr. Seyed Kazem Mirvalad, President of ECOSAI, Mr. Onder Ozar, Secretary General of ECO offered his brief remarks about the ECO and ECOSAI and appreciated the efforts of ECOSAI towards the development of cooperation among member states. Copy of his speech is at Annex III. The meeting was formally inaugurated by Mr. Iraj Sefati Dezfouli, President of

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the Commission on Supreme Audit Court, Budget and Financial affairs of Parliament who highlighted the role of Supreme Audit institutions and wished success to ECOSAI in the achievements of its objectives. Copy of the inauguration address is available at Annex IV. This was followed by the presentation of annual report of the ECOSAI by Mr. Manzur Hussain, Auditor General of Pakistan and Secretary General of ECOSAI. The report of the Secretary General is at Annex V. The President of the Board then recognized that there are no suggestions or any objections against the agenda so it was adopted.

## 2. Discussions of the agenda points:

a) Involvement of the non-active members of ECOSAI in the activities of the Organization:

The matter was discussed at length and the Secretariat was requested to continue its efforts for involving the non-active members of the ECOSAI in the activities of the Organization. On the suggestion of Mr. Manzur Hussain, Auditor General of Pakistan, the BOG requested Mr. Vahid Nurzuov, Chairman of the Chamber of Auditors of Azerbaijan to approach the heads of the SAIs of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan for getting the said SAIs involved in the activities of ECOSAI. The BOG requested Mr. Vahid Novruoz to visit his counterparts for this purpose. Secretary General, ECO, Mr. Onder Ozar also offered to place this matter before the participants of the next ECO Summit that will be held in Tehran in June, 2000 so that the participation of the non-active members could be ensured.

## b) Consideration of the ways for seeking financial assistance from international donors including Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah:

The BOG appreciated the efforts of the Secretariat in approaching the President, Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah for providing financial assistance to the ECOSAI Secretariat for organizing training courses. The BOG also decided that the possibility of

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approaching other international donors for providing financial assistance to the ECOSAI may also be explored by the Secretariat in a way that should not compromise or endanger the independence of the ECOSAI.

**c) Publication of ECOSAI Circular:**

The matter regarding publication of the ECOSAI circular or journal that would highlight the independent and professional character of ECOSAI and cover the professional activities of the member institutions was discussed in great detail. The BOG also appreciated the services of the SAI of Pakistan who had so far devoted a portion of the "PERFORMIT" to cover the activities of the ECOSAI. After due deliberations it was decided to start publishing a quarterly Newsletter to cover different events. The ECOSAI Newsletter will be both educational and informative in nature. Mr. Seyed Kazem Mirvalad, President, ECOSAI and Supreme Audit Court of the Islamic Republic of Iran offered the publication of the first ECOSAI Newsletter by his Organization. The offer was gratefully accepted by the members who decided that after the publication of the first issue, the next issues will be published by the Secretariat.

**d) Establishment of Training Committee:**

The matter regarding establishment of the Training Committee of the ECOSAI in terms of Article 8/2 of the ECOSAI Charter also came under discussion. After detailed discussions on the subject, it was proposed by the SAI of Turkey that the Training Committee may be established with Pakistan, Iran and Turkey as its members as the three SAIs would be offering training courses to the member institutions. The proposal was accepted and the BOG decided that the ECOSAI Secretariat will coordinate the activities of the Training Committee.

**e) Exploration of the practical ways for cooperating and sharing knowledge and experience:**


The BOG discussed in detail the different ways for promoting practical ways for cooperation and sharing of knowledge and experience among the members of the ECOSAI. Mr. Seyed Kazem Mirvalad, President of the ECOSAI and Supreme Audit Court of the Islamic Republic of Iran was of the view that training was very crucial for the survival of the ECOSAI. The members of the BOG agreed to this viewpoint and decided that for promoting cooperation and sharing of knowledge and experience among member SAIs training courses may be held by the SAIs which may be participated by the staff of other SAIs. The BOG also decided that bilateral visits at all levels may also be undertaken by the member SAIs to each other's country for strengthening ties among them.

**f) Date and Venue of the next BOG Meeting:**

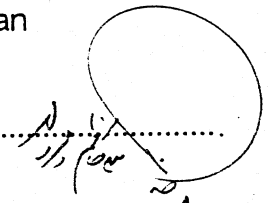
The BOG of the ECOSAI also considered the venue and date for the next meeting of the BOG. Mr. Medet Sadyrkulov, Chairman of the Accounts Chamber of Kyrgyz Republic offered to host the next BOG meeting in the later half of May, 2001 in Kyrgyz Republic. The gracious offer of Mr. Medet Sadyrkulov was gratefully accepted by the members of the BOG.

We, heads of delegations from SAs of Azerbaijan Republic, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Republic of Turkey have read the minutes of the meeting. All the contents are to our agreement.

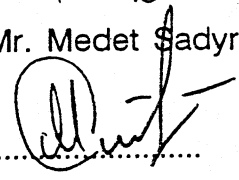
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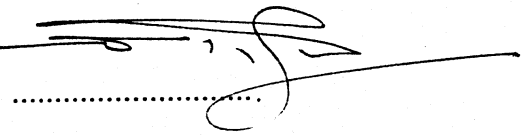
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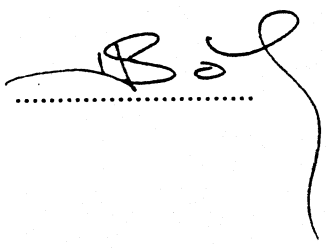
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**REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ON THE EVALUATION  
OF TRAINING FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES  
ALONG WITH TRAINING NEEDS OF SAIs**

Honourable Seyed Kazem Mirvalad, President of the ECOSAI, Honourable Mr. Manzur Hussain, Secretariat General of the ECOSAI, excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen.

It is indeed my pleasure to present the report of the Secretariat on the evaluation of training facilities and opportunities along with training needs of member SAIs of the Economic Cooperation Organization. The Secretariat had, according to the decision of the Board of Governors of the ECOSAI taken during their 3rd meeting held in Tehran, approached all the member SAIs for providing information on the training facilities available with them as also their peculiar training needs which could be met by other members of the ECOSAI.

On the basis of information received from member SAIs, I am pleased to report on behalf of the ECOSAI Secretariat that following training facilities are available with the Supreme Audit Institutions of Iran, Turkey and Pakistan which can be availed by the staff of member SAIs:

**Iran:**

- i) Performance Audit
- ii) Financial, Taxation and Insurance Rules and Regulations
- iii) Contingency Management

**Turkey:**

The SAI of Turkey has volunteered to design and hold courses according to the needs of member institutions of ECOSAI.