

# ***ECOSAI***

## **Minutes of the Fourth Governing Board Meeting of ECOSAI**

***Baku – Azerbaijan Republic***

***28/29 April, 1999***

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4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of ECOSAI was held in Baku, Azerbaijan Republic on 28/29 April, 1999. The delegations of the participating SAIs were headed by:

1. Mr. Vahid Novruzov, Chairman, Chamber of Auditors, Azerbaijan Republic
2. Seyed Kazem Mirvalad, President, Supreme Court of Audit, Islamic Republic of Iran
3. Mr. Imanbek Makishev, Auditor, Head of Delegation, Chamber of Control, Kyrgyzstan Republic
4. Mr. Manzur Hussain, Auditor General, Islamic Republic of Pakistan
5. Prof. Dr. M. Kamil Mutluer, President Court of Accounts, Republic of Turkey

2. Complete list of delegates is at Annex 'A'. Agenda for the meeting is at Annex 'B'. Program for the meeting is at Annex 'C'.

3. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Qur'an. H.E. Mr. Vahid Novruzov, Chairman of the Chamber of Auditors, Azerbaijan Republic welcomed the delegates to Azerbaijan. Copy of the welcome address is at Annex 'D'.

4. After welcome address by the host, H.E. Seyed Kazem Mirvalad, President of ECOSAI and Supreme Court of Audit of the Islamic Republic of Iran delivered his opening speech. Text of his speech is at Annex 'E'.

5. The inauguration was followed by the presentation of the Annual Report on the activities of ECOSAI by H.E. Mr. Manzur Hussain, Secretary General, ECOSAI and Auditor General of Pakistan. Copy of the report is available at Annex 'F'.

6. After presentation of the annual report the agenda for the meeting was adopted and various items of the agenda were taken up for discussion. Decisions taken on the agenda items are appended below.

- a) Review of the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of ECOSAI Board of Governors
- i) *Review of the position regarding legal mandate, organizational structure and functioning of member SAIs*

**The Secretariat is required to make efforts to collect legal mandate and laws from member SAIs who have yet not submitted the documents and present a report to the next Assembly. The matter will also be discussed in the next BOG meeting.**

- ii) *Exploration of the practical ways for cooperating and sharing knowledge and experience*

**The subject shall be one of the sub-themes of the next Assembly.**

- iii) *Evaluation of training facilities and opportunities along with training needs of SAIs*

**SAI of Turkey offered to hold courses in Turkey in Performance Auditing and Financial and Taxation Systems of Turkey in September/October, 1999. The SAI of Iran also offered to hold training courses in English. SAI of Pakistan stated that it shall continue to offer various courses to member SAIs as hereto-fore. The Secretariat will coordinate the matter and submit a report during the next Assembly.**

- iv) *Review of financing (deposit of outstanding dues of membership fee) status of the organization*

**As funding is very important for the smooth functioning of the Secretariat, the member SAIs are requested to send their dues as soon as possible.**

- v) *Discussion on establishment of advisory committees according to item 8/2 of the ECOSAI Charter*

**The matter will be considered in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ECOSAI Assembly in Tehran next year.**

- vi) *Review and finalization of the emblem of ECOSAI*

**The present emblem that was approved by the 1<sup>st</sup> BOG Meeting held in Girne (TRNC) in December, 1995 after incorporating some modifications is approved.**

- vii) *Submission of documents relating to the establishment of ECOSAI and agreement letters of ECO to the Secretariat of ECO in Tehran for furthering relationship and cooperation within the framework of respective charters of ECO and ECOSAI by the SAI of Pakistan and review of ECO Charter for expert studies by the SAI of Iran*

**Cooperation between ECOSAI and ECO shall not compromise the independent professional character of ECOSAI. With this position in view the possibility of cooperation between ECOSAI and ECO can be considered.**

- b) Preparation of a Directory of ECOSAI

**ECOSAI Secretariat should obtain the required information from those member SAIs who have yet not provided the information and publish the directory. The Secretariat will submit a report on this account to the next Assembly.**

- c) Finalization of the arrangements for holding of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the ECOSAI in Tehran in the year 2000. The main topic of the Assembly will be Performance Auditing in member countries – the Obstacles and Prospects in Performance Auditing

**The SAI of Iran announced its readiness to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> BOG Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly and 2<sup>nd</sup> Seminar of ECOSAI in Tehran towards the end of April, 2000. All member SAIs will submit their country papers on the above topic to the Secretariat by 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1999. The Secretariat will seek the help of the SAI of Azerbaijan for getting the seminar papers translated in Russian.**

- d) Review of the current status of ECOSAI newsletter "PERFORMIT" and exploring possibilities for making it prestigious publication in the field

**PERFORMIT will continue to be the official organ of ECOSAI until a new and richer journal is published by another member SAI. SAI of Pakistan will enhance the professional level of PERFORMIT. Member SAIs will ask their staff to contribute professional articles for the journal.**

- e) Fostering the professional and technical level of ECOSAI through cooperation in training and exchange of views and experience among member SAIs

**The meeting highlighted the importance of the exchange of experience and views among member SAIs and impressed that more training courses be held by SAIs for other members to enhance the professional and technical level of all SAIs.**

- f) Binding the member SAIs for implementing the accords of the meetings of the Board of Governors

**The Secretariat will make a request to the (non-active) member SAIs through their respective governments for their cooperation to strengthen public audit and request the respective institutions to implement the decisions of the Board of Governors of ECOSAI.**

- g) Discussion on possible activities for the year 1999

**The meeting emphasized the implementation of the decisions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> BOG meetings held in Tehran and Baku in 1998 and 1999 respectively as it will help create sufficient activities for the ECOSAI during 1999. This will include greater involvement of non-active members in the affairs of ECOSAI, training of staff of member SAIs in Turkey, Iran and Pakistan, contributions by staff of member SAIs for PERFORMIT and initiation of action by the Secretariat for requesting financial assistance from IDB and other multilateral donors.**

- h) Exchange of technical experts for imparting training to staff of member SAIs in the areas of their specialization

SAIs of Turkey and Pakistan volunteered to send experts for training to other member SAIs. SAIs will indicate their training needs to the Secretariat so that the Secretariat can coordinate as to what type of training can be provided by which SAI.

- i) Exchange of high-level delegations among member SAIs to promote bilateral and multilateral cooperation among SAIs

**BOG stresses the need for exchange of high-level delegations among member SAIs for promoting bilateral and multilateral cooperation within ECOSAI.**

7. After deliberations on various agenda items of the meeting, the President of ECOSAI and Supreme Court of Audit of the Islamic Republic of Iran summed up the decisions. He also availed of the opportunity of thanking the host for making excellent arrangements for the meeting and for the very warm hospitality extended to the delegates. He also thanked the delegates for their active participation and valuable inputs during the meeting. Text of the closing address of H.E. Seyed Kazem Mirvalad, President ECOSAI is at Annex 'G'.

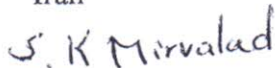
8. H.E. Mr. Vahid Novruzov, Chairman of the Chamber of Auditors, Azerbaijan Republic expressed thanks to the visiting delegates for their active involvement in the meeting and making it a success.

9. We, the heads of delegations from the SAIs of Azerbaijan Republic, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kyrgyzstan Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Republic of Turkey have read the minutes of the Meeting. All the contents are to our agreement.

1. Mr. Vahid Novruzov, Chairman, Chamber of Auditors, Azerbaijan Republic



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