

T B I L I S I S T A T E M E N T

EUROSAI and OLACEFS gathered at their VII joint Conference, held in Tbilisi (Georgia) on 17-18 September 2012,

Recognize:

- The economic and social environment and citizens' demands require reforms from States aimed at managing public resources more efficiently, according to principles of accountability, transparency and integrity, thus ensuring fiscal sustainability;
- As stated in the United Nations Resolution A/66/209 of 22 December 2011, SAIs play an important role in promoting the above-mentioned principles. In order for SAIs to contribute to greater accountability of public institutions, it is essential to ensure their independence and the high quality of their work, increasing the confidence of their stakeholders;
- Sound strategies, internal and external communication, ethical requirements, quality control mechanisms and monitoring are key elements for SAIs to attain a "tone at the top" operation. IT developments and peer reviews are valuable instruments for enhancing SAIs' capacities and their accountability and transparency, thereby increasing the trust of citizens;
- SAIs substantially contribute to good governance in safeguarding and sustaining the efficient control functions developed by parliaments, issuing recommendations aimed at reinforcing public management and providing public bodies and society with information on these matters;
- The practices and experiences of each SAI represent a valuable source of information for the others, so cooperation becomes a masterpiece for improving public management and external audit at global level, taking advantage of international synergies;

Encourage:

- Both Organizations to spread these principles within their regional communities and to work together in order to audit and promote greater efficiency, accountability, effectiveness, integrity and transparency in public management for the benefit of citizens;
- Their Members to lead by example, improving the quality of their work and raise awareness of the values and benefits of the SAIs in achieving good governance;
- Both Organizations to intensify cooperation within INTOSAI community, through their diverse levels of decision making and working structures, in order to get the maximum synergies of each other and to achieve the greatest impact from their common action;
- The Presidents and the Secretaries General of EUROSAI and OLACEFS to forward the Statement to the President and Secretary General of INTOSAI, the Presidents and the Secretaries General of the other INTOSAI Regional Working Groups, as well as to other stakeholders.