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The Importance of the Lima and the Mexico Declarations

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Lima Declaration

I. General

II. Independence

- **Section 5: Independence of Supreme Audit Institutions**
- **Section 6: Independence of the members and officials of Supreme Audit Institutions**
- **Section 7: Financial independence of Supreme Audit Institutions**

III. Relationship to Parliament, government and the administration

IV. Powers of Supreme Audit Institutions

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VI. Reporting

VII. Audit powers of Supreme Audit Institutions

Mexico Declaration

1. Legal framework
2. Independence of SAI heads and members
3. Broad mandate
4. Unrestricted access to information
5. The right and obligation to report on their work
6. The freedom to decide the content and timing of audit reports and to publish and disseminate them
7. Follow-up mechanisms on SAI recommendations
8. Financial and managerial/administrative autonomy and the availability of appropriate human, material, and monetary resources

Importance of independence

- SAIs can accomplish their task objectively and effectively only if they are independent of the audited entity and are protected against outside influence
- The independence of the SAIs is inseparably linked to the independence of its members
- Audit staff must not be influenced by the audited organisation
- SAIs shall be provided with the financial means to enable them to accomplish their tasks
- Public sector auditing institutions, with the character of being independent, have been recognized as an essential part of good governance
- Without the value of independence SAIs would be limited in their contribution to national governance

Importance of Lima Declaration

- Lima Declaration was the first INTOSAI document to comprehensively set out the importance of SAIs' independence
- It reminded INTOSAI members that SAIs can only be objective and effective if they are independent from the audited entity and are protected from outside influence

Importance of Mexico Declaration

- SAls should protect the value of their work by adding the proper safeguards and removing real and perceived barriers to their independence
- SAls can achieve independence through different means using different safeguards
- good practices to achieve independence are presented in the accompanying guidelines
- guidelines aim to share means of increasing and improving SAI independence

Independence on global level


- INTOSAI Strategic Plan 2011-2016
- Beijing Declaration
- ISSAIs (e.g. ISSAI 12, 100, 200, 300, 1260, 3000, 4100)
- UN Resolution A/66/209
- International Journal of Government Auditing
- Peer review reports (e.g. DK)
- SAI PMF
- Databases (SAIs' information database)
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Independence on regional level

- EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2011-2017
- EUROSAI Lisbon Declaration
- EUROSAI Magazine
- Conferences (e.g. EUROSAI-ARABOSAI)
- Surveys (by EUROSAI Goal Team 1, SAIs)
- Seminars (e.g. in Gabon)
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Hungarian example

- Translation and dissemination of Lima and Mexico Declarations
- Acts on State Audit Office of Hungary
- Strategic Plans of SAO
- Acceptance of Lima Declaration as itself
- Adoption of Mexico Declaration
- Action plan for implementing principles of Mexico Declaration
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Thank you for your attention.