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Dear colleagues:

On March 8th 2008, the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of Ecuador, received an invitation from Doctor Genaro Matute Mejía, who was at the time General Comptroller from the Republic of Peru and Chairman of INTOSAI’s “Fight against Corruption and Money Laundering” Working Group. Mr. Carlos Pólit Faggioni, General Comptroller of Ecuador had the honor to participate in this meeting that took place in Lima, Peru.

This meeting took place at the same time as the “Assembly of Comptroller’s Offices from the Andean Region” and the “International Forum of Inter-Institutional Articulation as a Tool to Prevent and Fight against Corruption”, events in which the General Comptroller’s Office from the Republic of Ecuador was invited.

The activities and topics that were exposed in these events, confirmed our appreciation about the “Fight Against Corruption and Money Laundering” working group, in a worldwide scenery were the SAI must work in teams to develop control potencies which correspond in these topics.

On October 2nd 2008, our SAI sent a petition to the Chairman of the Working Group, to consider the possible inclusion of the General Comptroller’s Office of the Republic of Ecuador. On October 22, 2008 we received your answer informing that this matter would be treated in the current Working Group session.

There are various and very important reasons to ask for the inclusion of the General Comptroller’s Office of the Republic of Ecuador. One reason is that the General Comptroller’s Office of the Republic of Ecuador takes the chair on the Special Technical Committee on Public Ethics, Management Integrity and Transparency (CEPAT) for the Latin American and Caribbean Supreme Audit Institutions (OLACEFS) as its Spanish abbreviation.

The Special Technical Committee on Public Ethics, Management, Integrity and Transparency (CEPAT) was created by the General Assembly of the Latin American and Caribbean Supreme Audit Institutions (OLACEFS), on November 2000 in the city of Brasilia, due to the report of the technical topic “The roll of High Auditing Offices Fighting against Corruption and Impunity”. On August 19, 2001 the Special Technical Committee on Public Ethics, Management Integrity and

Transparency (CEPAT) was established which included the SAI from Colombia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Panama and Peru.

The general and specific goals of CEPAT can be described this way:

- Disclosure of strategies and experience against corruption.
- Search of international organization support.
- Organization of regional and sub regional events.
- The creations of a data bases on topics that concern and serve all the members of the Latin American and Caribbean Supreme Audit Institutions (OLACEFS).

These objectives join harmoniously with those of the “Fight against Corruption and Money Laundering” Working Groups, in such way that we consider the inclusion of CEPAT’s working plan for 2008 and 2009 to achieve proximity for an integration plan. The goal is that all the advances on technical, practical, discussions and other activities that are fulfilled by the working group will strengthen the Regional SAI through a communication bridge done by the SAI of Ecuador.

Many of the activities that the Special Technical Committee on Public Ethics, Management Integrity and Transparency (CEPAT) have planned for this year are:

- Public Ethics Course, second edition.
- An International Recovery of Values Competition.
- Development of the rules for the International Competition on Public Involvement..
- Diagnose of the ethical management of the SAI of “Latin American and Caribbean Region” (OLACEFS).
- Issue the Special Technical Committee on Public Ethics, Management Integrity and Transparency (CEPAT) third Information Bulletin.
- Work Meeting with all of the members of the Special Technical Committee on Public Ethics, Management Integrity and Transparency (CEPAT).

Our objectives are to mutually grow since we have the desire to contribute with the Working Group according to our capacities.

It is important to mention, that our main motivation sets on the new structure of the Ecuadorian State, based on the new Constitution of the Republic of Ecuador that was approved by vote on September 2008. Among other important contributions, it refers to the creation of the Transparency and Social Control Function, being this

the fifth power of the State, as well as the Executive, Legislative, Judicial and Electoral powers.

The Transparency and Social Control Function, that is established by constitutional law, will promote and impel the control of entities and organization from the public sector, and from individuals and companies from the private sector who provide services or develop activities for public interest. They must fulfill their duty with responsibility, transparency, equity and, promote and give incentive to public involvement, protect the practice and fulfillment of their rights and, prevent and fight against corruption.

The General Comptroller's Office from the Republic of Ecuador is a part of the Transparency and Social Control Function, along with the Public Involvement Council, The People's Defender and all the offices of Supervision. The duties given by constitutional law among other are: form public policies about transparency, control, financial balances, public involvement, and stipulate a national plan to fight against corruption.

It is necessary that the General Comptroller's Office from the Republic of Ecuador strengthens its capacity to respond in a proper level in the specific task of fighting corruption, for this we have transformed the internal control plan for the years 2008 and 2009.. We have extended our training on topics such control of organizations below our supervision and internal auditing units. We have advanced technological auditing processes and have created a specific technical unit that has in charge important topics such as Public Ethics, a Claim Entity, and register and control of an oath Patrimonial Declarations.

In many events in and out of Ecuador we have been able to share in an informative way our experience in these matters. Our prime concern is to contribute to the strengthening of the SAI and support the fulfillment of our role as a control office in the new structure of the Ecuadorian State.

This way, dear colleagues, I leave to your consideration these ideas and our commitment to work for the improvement and development of mutual cause.

Thank you very much for your attention