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Progress and Activity Report for the INTOSAI Working Group on Fight Against Corruption and Money Laundering July 2008 –July 2009

Progress and Activity Report

■ Regarding to the Working Plan of the INTOSAI Working Group -FACML 2008 -2011, the purpose of the Working Group is to promote a proactive role and international cooperation between INTOSAI and their members, in reference to fight against money laundering and corruption in a manner consistent with the competencies and authorities of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) and independence requirements of INTOSAI.

We will discuss the missions assigned to the WG which are implemented in cooperation with the WG members and observers especially USA, Russia, Germany and off course INTOSAI working groups that responded to our first questionnaire, these missions are:

- 1. Website Updating.
- 2. First Questionnaire.
- 3. Cooperation with IDI.

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- 4. Proposal of adding new missions to the Working Plan 2008 -2011.
- 5. The Guidelines on fighting corruption and money laundering.
- 6. The list of the organizations and entities concerned with fighting corruption and money laundering.

1- Website Updating.

- The technical committee of the INTOSAI WG FACML has updated the WG website and published it from June 2009.
- Now, we can conclude the changes and updates as follows:
- The web address has been changed to be:www.wgfacml.cao.gov.eg.
- We develop a new design for the interface of the working group site.
- Some of the old information have not been changed, and some of them have been updated.
- The Structure of the website has been developed
- And also, regarding the developments and maintenance, we intent to update the website every month, thus your contribution is needed to add new materials to the site beside publishing latest news and events.
- WG-FACML Forum still needs to be developed.
- We appreciate your ideas and suggestions and you can submit your materials through the working group secretariat 's email address which is published on the site.

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■ At the end of my speech we will make a display for both sites the previous one and the new one.

2- First Questionnaire.

- With reference to the third objective of the Working Plan, 2008- 2011 activities aims to identify country regulations, policies, strategies and SAIs detecting and preventing corruption and money laundering through making a questionnaire.
- The Egyptian SAI who was assigned to perform this objective will review the developments of this questionnaire in detail after that.

Another important point to be mentioned is the upcoming working plan:

- According to the established INTOSAI procedures, the working group should prepare a work plan every three years.
- The technical committee of the working group intend to develop and to lead the 2nd questionnaire of the WG in order to extract the future needs and requirements of the working group members to be able to draw the upcoming working plan 2011-2014 which will include the working group's mission, vision and mandates to be presented in the upcoming meeting in July 2010.

3- Cooperation with IDI.

 INTOSAI has as a permanent goal to foster the exchange of ideas and experiences among Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) on government auditing, and contribute to the dissemination of knowledge and expertise. By means of a special information program, the IDI disseminated details of auditing methods, courses, and training models to all the SAIs in INTOSAI.

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- In this regard and in the context of the Working Group's Work Plan 2008-2011, the 4th objective is to identify relevant training programs on Corruption and Money laundering in cooperation with the INTOSAI Development Initiative IDI, the technical committee of the Working Group contacted the IDI to arrange and organize Training Programs to be directed to the various Regional Working Groups in the INTOSAI's five languages.
- We proposed that the Program shall be presented in two Phases:
- The First Phase is to develop Program.
- The Second Phase is to: Implement Program.
- We are still waiting for IDI response, so as we can start preparing a DRAFT AGREEMENT between the (IDI) and the Working Group FACML.

4- Proposal of adding new missions to the Working plan 2008 -2011.

- In fact, we need to reinforce the objective by adding new targets to be prepared in
 the context of the first objective concerning the guidelines in the field of fighting
 corruption and money laundering by developing guidelines to INTOSAI regional
 working group member SAIs concerning fighting corruption and money laundering
 when auditing.
- In this regard, you will find the working paper in your binder, please study it and give your comments to Mr. Mahmmoud Assad tomorrow morning.

International Contributions

The representative of the Working Group on Fight against corruption and Money Laundering participated in several events, the most important of which are:

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1- The "Twentieth UN/INTOSAI Symposium titled "INTOSAI: Active Partner in the International Anti- Corruption Network", held in February, 2009 in Vienna.

The Working Group representative delivered a presentation on the topic "Best practices in Combating International Money Laundering and Corruption".

In this regard, the technical committee representative proposed the following recommendations:

- 1. All INTOSAI members are recommended to fill in the Working Group

 Questionnaire with transparency and integrity to help in detecting and preventing
 corruption and money laundering
- 2. The increase of the Working Group membership to enrich the progress and promote experience exchange among its members and INTOSAI members.
- 3. Enhance the benefit from the working group activities by the contribution of the working group member SAIs as a volunteer to translate the working group products in the INTOSAI five language.
- 4. SAIs should take into consideration the Working Group guiding principles and recommendations to develop effective performance of its activities.
 - 2- The International Workshop on the topic of:
 - "Policy Makers in the context of the Transparency and Integrity" held in Cairo In May 2009, in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of State for Administrative Development, The National Management Institute, The British Embassy in Cairo, The World Bank, and the Egyptian Governance Center.

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- The WG representative introduces a Working Paper in which the utmost important ideas were the challenges facing the Supreme Audit Institutions to reach the end of curbing corruption through:
 - Promote International Cooperation.
 - Cooperation between different agencies and entities regarding fighting corruption and sharing knowledge efficiently.
 - Supporting the Transparency Principle.

As to points number 5 and 6 they will be presented by the countries of USA and Russia.