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Dear Presidents, Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware, the EUROSAI Governing Board and the OLACEFS General Assembly accepted the offer of the State Audit Office of Hungary to host the forthcoming IX EUROSAI-OLACEFS Joint Conference from 9 to 11 September 2020 in Budapest. The SAO of Hungary considers its international activity as a priority tool for providing opportunity for sharing and gaining valuable experience from partner institutions, contributing to the efficiency and utilization of audits. Therefore the SAO has immediately started the preparations for the conference in close cooperation with the General Secretariats of EUROSAI and OLACEFS.

However, right now all of us are going through unprecedented times that could not have been foreseen. In these difficult times we need to adjust to the changed circumstances, even if it is an uncertain and critical situation. Our commitment and responsibility towards all delegates and their accompanying persons is crucial, their health is our highest priority and at the moment we are unable to predict what is going to happen in the near future.

Being mindful of the above, on behalf of the State Audit Office Hungary, I would like to propose to organize the IX EUROSAI-OLCAEFS Joint Conference at the originally approved dates, however in an online form. The online conference would enable all delegates from all over the world to participate. Taking into account that 5-6 hours of time shift is to be among the two continents by that time, we would like to ensure a timing that could be comfortable for everyone to join the online conference. We also consider the language diversity, however due to this special situation, we thought that English as the working language of the event could be the currently available best option to take, on the other hand we are making attempts to map other solutions for the interpretation as well.

In this way the IX EUROSAI-OLACEFS Joint Online Conference would be structured as the following:

The professional block of the conference would be organized online at the original dates and based on the already approved professional program and topics, which consists of the plenary session, panel discussions and the workshops:

1. Plenary Session: Stakeholders' engagement

Panel discussion: Directions of utilization and Public prosecution/Anticorruption - Means of prevention and tackling

4 Workshops (Advisory role 1 - Parliament, Congress; Advisory role 2 - Auditees, Citizens, Other parties; Public prosecution - Relations with public prosecutor's offices, prevention and tackling of corruption; Integrity/ Anticorruption of SAI's and Auditees)

2. Plenary Session: Measuring the impact of SAIs' work

Panel discussion: Social utilization

4 Workshops: (Indicators, measurement tools; Reactive and rapid audit reporting - good practices, Digital Reporting; Transparency, Digital tools' impact on Processes; Public policies enhancement)

The most convenient and easiest way to carry out the plenary sessions is to prepare their video materials in advance. Panel discussions and workshops could be either managed 'live' or in forms of short, TED talk videos, in connection to which the panelists/moderators would initiate online debates. In case of workshops, one further option could be to ask participants' opinion in form of online questionnaires.

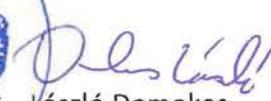
In case if the situation becomes less uncertain, and we are capable of planning, in the beginning of 2021 we could organize a one-day event for the Presidents and Auditor Generals, during which the presidential and strategic consultation on the events of September could be held.

I am aware that this initiative is different from traditions, however it is my firm belief that we need to look into the future, we need to move forward and let in new perspectives. Right now we are going through unusual times, therefore we need unusual solutions in order to ensure the continuity of the dedicated work of Supreme Audit Institutions, even in the international community.

I would be glad if you were endorsing my proposal in accordance with the 'Terms of Reference for the Organization of EUROSAI-OLACEFS Joint Conferences' in order to be able to start in time the preparatory works of the online conference.

I do hope you are all safe and sound. We will be happy to see all of you in person in better times. In the light of the above, State Audit Office of Hungary expresses its thanks for the continued co-operation and support with your esteemed institutions.

Yours sincerely,



László Domokos

D. Jorge Bermúdez Soto
Contralor General de la República de Chile
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Madrid, 11 de junio de 2020

Estimador Sr. Contralor General:

El pasado mes de mayo de 2020, ambas Secretarías de OLACEFS y EUROSAI, recibieron una carta del Sr. László Domokos, Presidente de la Entidad Fiscalizadora Superior de Hungría, relativa a la IX Conferencia Conjunta EUROSAI-OLACEFS, que se celebrará del 9 al 11 de septiembre de 2020, y en la que, debido a las restricciones sanitarias mundiales existentes, el Sr. Domokos proponía tuviera lugar en formato *on-line*, mencionando la posibilidad de organizar, a principios de 2021, otro encuentro para los Presidentes de las EFS con el objeto de debatir sobre los resultados de la Conferencia virtual.

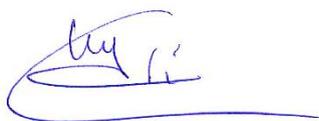
A este respecto, me gustaría informarle de que el Comité Directivo de EUROSAI, en su 51ª reunión, celebrada el pasado 3 de junio de 2020, tuvo ocasión de debatir la mencionada propuesta, informándosele también sobre las últimas consideraciones del Comité Organizador, que acordó abordar el tema principal de este Encuentro desde la perspectiva de las cuestiones de mayor actualidad, incluida la pandemia de COVID 19.

Tengo el placer de comunicarle que el Comité Directivo ha apoyado la propuesta del Sr. Domokos de organizar virtualmente la Conferencia Conjunta y ha tomado nota de los acuerdos y planes que se están haciendo al respecto.

Personalmente creo que se trata de una oportunidad excelente para demostrar la capacidad de adaptación y flexibilidad de nuestras Organizaciones Regionales ante situaciones adversas y que nos abre nuevas vías de colaboración a tener en cuenta en el desarrollo futuro de nuestra cooperación bilateral.

Espero sinceramente que usted, sus seres queridos, así como los colegas de la Contraloría General de la República de Chile se encuentren con buena salud y ánimo para enfrentar los retos que nos presenta esta situación sin precedentes.

Reciba un cordial saludo,



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As you are aware, the State Audit Office of Hungary hosts the forthcoming **IX. EUROSAI-OLACEFS Joint Conference**. The SAO of Hungary considers its international activity as a priority tool for providing opportunity for sharing and gaining valuable experience from partner institutions, contributing to the efficiency and utilization of audits.

However, right now all of us are going through unprecedented times that could not have been foreseen. In these difficult times we need to adjust to the changed circumstances, even if it is an uncertain and critical situation. Our commitment and responsibility towards all delegates and their accompanying persons is crucial, their health is our highest priority and at the moment we are unable to predict what is going to happen in the near future.

Being mindful of the above, after internal discussion we decided to **organize the professional block of the IX EUROSAI-OLACEFS Joint Conference online**, which proposal has been approved by the Governing Board of EUROSAI by 3 June 2020 and the Governing Board of OLACEFS will decide about the new format by 30 June 2020. The online conference will be organized at the originally planned dates, **from 9 to 11 September 2020**. Taking into consideration the current situation, we made a slight adjustment to the theme of the joint conference: **"The COVID 19 pandemic: a unique opportunity for Supreme Audit Institutions to highlight the impact of their work"**

After the professional block of the IX EUROSAI-OLACEFS Joint Conference, we will be organizing a one-day personal meeting for the Presidents and Auditor Generals expected in the beginning of 2021 in Budapest, during which presidential and strategic consultation on the events of September could be held.

I am aware that this solution is different from traditions, however it is my firm belief that we need to take all actions in order to ensure the continuity of the dedicated work of Supreme Audit Institutions. To make that happen, we need to look into the future, move forward and let new perspectives in.

I do hope you are all safe and sound. We will be happy to see all of you in person in better times. In the light of the above, State Audit Office of Hungary expresses its sincere thanks for the continued co-operation with your esteemed institutions.

Yours sincerely,



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