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International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions

Independence Initiative: Major Support by UN Member States

Last Friday (14.10.2011), INTOSAI Secretary General Josef Moser presented a draft UN General Assembly resolution on strengthening SAI independence to diplomats in New York. The Draft will be tabled officially in the respective UN bodies in the following days.

The Draft Resolution now being negotiated at the level of the UN expressly welcomes the role of INTOSAI, requests the UN member states to apply the principles of the Lima and Mexico Declarations and appeals to the UN member states as well as to the UN to continue and enhance their cooperation with INTOSAI. Thereby, the Draft Resolution does not only benefit INTOSAI as an organization, but also implements the objective of INTOSAI of endorsing the Lima and Mexico Declarations and the principle of SAI independence.

In his presentation before the UN diplomats, the INTOSAI Secretary General emphasized the important role of SAIs and of INTOSAI and explained the contents of the Resolution. In the following discussion the diplomats from around 30 UN Member States present showed an overwhelming willingness to support the Resolution.

According to the plan, the UN General Assembly should adopt the Resolution in December.

Speech of the INTOSAI Secretary General before the UN diplomats

