

**ANNEX TO THE MOU GOVERNING THE COORDINATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT OF THE AMAZON REGION BY THE AMAZON RIPARIAN STATES OF BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, PERU AND VENEZUELA**

”In the spirit of the Memorandum of Understanding on a coordinated environmental audit of the Amazon region concluded by the SAIs of the Amazon riparian states, the head of the Austrian Court of Audit and Secretary General of INTOSAI, Dr. Josef Moser, the head of the SAI of Poland and chairman of EUROSAI, Jacek Jezierski, the head of the Spanish SAI and secretary general of EUROSAI, Manuel Nuñez, the head of the SAI of Colombia and chairman of OLACEFS, Dr. Julio César Turbay Quintero, the head of the SAI of Panama and secretary general of OLACEFS, and the representatives of the SAIs attending the VI<sup>th</sup> EUROSAI-OLACEFS Conference endorse the initiative for a coordinated, joint environmental audit of the Amazon region and place their signature hereunder in testimony of the far-reaching importance of this Annex which constitutes an integral part of the Memorandum of Understanding initiated by the SAI of Colombia as referred to above.

Within the scope of their tasks, SAIs subscribe to sustainable development in the economic, social and particularly ecological fields, especially considering fact that the increasing use of resources, climate change, as well as rising poverty are placing our future viability at risk.

SAIs hence endorse the United Nations definition according to which sustainable development is “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs and chose their own lifestyles“. Sustainable development is a concept for viability with a global dimension.

The undersigning SAIs hence agree on a multi-lateral audit of the Amazon region and of the Guarani water reserve to be performed with a view to ensuring the sustainability of the globally significant natural resources in this region.

The representatives of INTOSAI, EUROSAI and OLACEFS reassert the intention of the SAIs concerned and express their readiness to grant assistance and solidarity to this major audit project so vital for humanity.

Furthermore, the undersigned all pledge to make this multi-lateral concern of SAIs a topic of debate at the INCOSAI 2010 in South Africa.

*Signed by hand:*

Secretary General of INTOSAI, chairman of EUROSAI and of OLACEFS, secretary general of EUROSAI and of OLACEFS, representatives of the SAIs of Argentina, Bolivia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, Venezuela, Andorra, Albania, European Court of Auditors, Estonia, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Rumania, Turkey, Ukraine and China.