



INTOSAI
International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions



ECOSOC Resolution Strengthens SAI Independence

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) passed a **resolution** which explicitly refers to INTOSAI's Lima and Mexico Declarations and expressly advocates their wide dissemination.

The ECOSOC, one of six principal organs of the United Nations, is a central forum for formulating policy recommendations to Member States and the United Nations system. It is the first time ever that a primary organ of the United Nations formally recognized INTOSAI and the fundamental principles of external government auditing.

The relevant paragraph of the adopted Resolution reads as follows:

„ECOSOC takes note with appreciation of the work of INTOSAI in promoting greater transparency, accountability and efficient and effective receipt and use of public resources for the benefit of citizens, and the 1977 Lima Declaration of Guidelines on Audit Precepts and the 2007 Mexico Declaration on Supreme Audit Institutions Independence, which determine the principles of independence of government auditing, and encourages the wide dissemination of these principles.“

This ECOSOC resolution, which INTOSAI strongly advocated, represents a sensational step forward in creating the necessary framework for the effective work of SAIs.