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Dear Colleagues  
Good day

SAI UAE expresses its appreciation to KSC Chair for the inserts and for the opportunity it is giving the KSC members for possible feedback. SAI UAE is, therefore, delighted to present its feedback on the materials shared by KSC Chair.

SAI UAE unequivocally supports the independence of SAIs and all the efforts and opportunities that are being sought to uphold this critical INTOSAI value. Indeed the topic of SAI independence for the proposed research project is increasingly demanding. SAI UAE is currently chairing the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (CoSP UNCAC) and had exhausted the opportunities to assert the independence of SAIs and the fundamentality of such principle in the fight against corruption. This was culminated by a declaration that was named “Abu Dhabi Declaration” in which all states parties acknowledged the role of SAIs in the prevention of and fight against corruption and agreed to promote the independence of SAIs as stipulated in the first article of the declaration which is attached herewith.

In light of the subject matter raised, it is worth mentioning that SAI UAE has recently attended, as a chairperson, the first intersessional meeting of CoSP UNCAC. The latter decided that Abu Dhabi Declaration is an authoritative document and has been granted the highest legal status under the umbrella of CoSP UNCAC. This kind of legal status gives Abu Dhabi Declaration the same value and privilege as the Mexico Declaration on the independence of SAIs with the former being in the framework of CoSP UNCAC and the latter being in the framework of INTOSAI. It is also worth noting that during SAIUAE chairmanship INTOSAI had signed in July 2019 a MoU with the United Nations office on Drugs and Crime-UNODC to provide a framework for cooperation between the two institutions in preventing and combatting corruption.

In view of the above, SAI UAE suggests, in conjunction with the reference made to P-10 Mexico Declaration and its guiding GUID 9030 in the draft project initiation document, citing “Abu Dhabi Declaration” as an integral part of the legal framework for promoting the independence of SAIs and thus the possibility of including other reviewers/observers at stake.

On another note, please find attached participants from SAI UAE For the meeting with our Email information to get meeting link.

Best regards

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