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| **Agenda item: 35** |  | **Closing Remarks and end of business** |

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

Over the past few days we have had informed deliberations on the activities and achievements of the Working Groups and Project Groups.

The Steering Committee provides an opportunity to Working Groups to interact and improve linkages with one another on matters of mutual importance and relevance. We had discussions on most relevant issues in the present scenario like Strategic Development Plan of IFPP and quality assurance of other non-IFPP products.

We also got an opportunity to discuss on the programmes and activities undertaken by the Working Groups and Project groups towards achieving the strategic objectives and crosscutting priorities as defined in the INTOSAI Strategic Plan. The reports of the Working Groups and subsequent discussions held here would form the basis for the Goal-3 report to be presented at the 71st meeting of the INTOSAI Governing Board to be held in Moscow. I congratulate all the working groups for the efforts made by them to achieve the targets, goals and objectives set out in their respective work plans.

I am also happy that we were able to deliberate on some important matters like, development of pronouncements, Quality assurance procedure, utilization of INTOSAI Budget and on usage of INTOSAI Community Portal. I would like to assure the members that their comments and suggestions on these matters will be duly taken care of.

Colleagues, allow me to summarise some of the important takeaways of the meeting. These are:

1. There is a strong felt need for strengthening our relationship with the regional bodies. In the coming months we will formalize an arrangement for representing KSC in these bodies and will also finalise a template for reporting the activities of KSC

2. We have taken note of the immense potentialities of the INTOSAI community portal and propagating the work of INTOSAI. In times to come, we will make all efforts to advocate its usage.

3. While underscoring the spirit of voluntarism that marks the activities of INTOSAI, we have taken note of the additional source of funding available through INTOSAI Goal chair allocations. We will continue to explore ways to put this funding to the most efficient use.

4. There is a widespread sympathy for the paper on jurisdictional SAIs, prepared by the WG on Value and Benefits of SAIs. However, taking into account the revised due process, and the initial concerns raised by FIPP, which is a key stakeholder in the process, it was considered necessary to update the paper with the deliberations in the ongoing FIPP, to which a copy of the document has already been endorsed by the WG.

The participation of the principal players of the INTOSAI i.e. the General Secretariat, the Professional Standards Committee and the INTOSAI Development Initiative makes these annual meetings of the Steering Committee an important forum for exchange of information and ideas with key stakeholders. I thank the INTOSAI General Secretariat for sharing with us the activities of the Secretariat and the developments in the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

I am grateful to the Professional Standards Committee for giving us an insight on the efforts undertaken towards standard setting activities and the Strategic Plan 2020-25 of FIPP. I would like to add that the strong collaboration and consultations between PSC, CBC and KSC Goal Chairs has enabled us to synergize our efforts in attaining the INTOSAI objectives.

I thank IDI for providing us an update on the work being done by them. The IDI’s collaboration with KSC on various important issues is commendable. It is heartening to note that a number of Working Groups are partnering with IDI in capacity building efforts in areas falling under their domain. It is only through such partnerships that the real objective of KSC, which is disseminating and sharing knowledge throughout the INTOSAI community, can be achieved in full measure.

I am would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Keto Kayemba and Mr. Blucer Rajagukguk for moderating the sessions on Regions Cooperation and Stakeholder engagement.

Last but not the least, I would like to place on record my appreciation to all members and observers of the Steering Committee for their active participation and support to the proceedings. Regrettably, there has not been any word so far from the Chair of the Working Group on Fight Against Corruption and Money Laundering. Therefore, the Steering Committee could not have the benefit of an update on their activities. The KSC Secretariat will reach out to the Chair of the Working Group to check the position.

I want to convey my sincere gratitude to SAI-Philippines for agreeing to host the 11th KSC Steering Committee meeting in 2019. I also thank SAI of China for offering to host the 12th KSC Steering Committee meeting.

Ladies and gentlemen, finally, on behalf of the KSC Steering Committee, I would like to thank Mr. John F.S Muwanga, Auditor General of Uganda, and his officers for organizing this meeting. It is due to their hard work and wholehearted support that this meeting has been so successful.

I now declare this meeting closed. Thank you.