

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In June 2009, the Federal Court of Accounts of Brazil had the opportunity to host the annual meeting of the Steering Committee of the INTOSAI Professional Standards Committee. // Now, eight years later, it is a great pleasure to host this meeting once again, // this time, as president of the PSC. // It is an honor and a pleasure for all of us in the Court.

It gives us great satisfaction to welcome all of you // and host a meeting in which we will address fundamental topics for the community of Supreme Audit Institutions, // because, ultimately, they regard the quality of the audit work that SAs perform for their respective countries. //

Today and tomorrow, when dealing with proposals that aim to improve the standard setting system in INTOSAI, // as well as the implementation of specific projects to review or create standards, // we will be contributing significantly to a great number of audit institutions around the world.

Aware of the scope and relevance of the work of the PSC // I am honored by the mission of presiding over the committee. // I also feel challenged to meet the expectations of the INTOSAI members in the best way possible.

We took on the presidency of the Committee in a moment of significant changes // designed during the past years and consolidated during the 22nd INCOSAI: // approval of the INTOSAI Strategic Plan for 2017-2022; // creation of the Forum for INTOSAI Professional Pronouncements (FIPP); // adoption of the new “Due Process”; // and also authorization for a comprehensive review of the ISSAI Framework.

Due to these innovations, // the role of the PSC Steering Committee has changed substantially. // We have evolved from the foremost mandate of approving standards and submitting them to the INTOSAI Governing Board, // to taking on a more comprehensive and strategic function. // Now, it is the mission of the Chair and of the whole PSC Steering Committee // – alongside the CBC (Capacity Building Committee) and the KSC (Knowledge Sharing Committee) – // to guide strategically the production and approval of standards, // as well as monitor their implementation. //

In addition, // we should make efforts, together with all of the INTOSAI bodies and members, // to achieve the crosscutting priorities established in the Organization’s Strategic Plan that was recently approved.

At the same time that reformulation of the standard setting system and structure present new responsibilities, // this reformulation provides means to carry them out well. // Now we have the FIPP as an important partner to work in the improvement of the ISSAI framework // and to ensure the high quality of the standards produced. // Furthermore, the new “Due Process” clarifies roles and responsibilities // and creates a planning tool – the SDP (Strategic Development Plan) - // which will contribute to the consistency and prioritization of the projects, // while seeking the best use of available resources. //

Surely, // a comprehensive change process such as this one demands a period of adjustments and adaptations, // which we are facing right now. // I am certain that, // with the collective efforts of all involved, // these changes will be internalized, // enabling the achievement of the expected results.

We need to work in close cooperation with several bodies and levels within INTOSAI // and also with our external partners some of which are here today, // with the greater purpose of improving even more the ISSAI Framework, // an asset of INTOSAI, // built with the sum of institutional and personal efforts.

The framework represents a solid achievement of the SAIs // and the ISSAI (International Standards of SAIs) brand already has international recognition. // Now it is our duty to improve it, // make the ISSAIs universal // and promote their implementation. // It is also our mission to turn these standards definitively into the preferred solution of oversight institutions // and make INTOSAI the main international reference // in setting government audit standards.

I know that the colleagues gathered here today share my enthusiasm regarding this mission. // I also know that the work to be developed these two days is an essential stage of the whole process. // Aware of this, // I am certain that we will have very productive discussions, // achieving the desired results.

Finally, I hope you have a pleasant stay in Brasília // and have a chance to get to know and enjoy the Capital of Brazil.

Thank you very much!