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Dear Esteemed Members of INTOSAI,

In an era of rapid transformations and unprecedented challenges, the role of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in promoting accountability, transparency, and effective governance has become increasingly vital. Recognizing the global nature of these emerging issues, ranging from financial crises to natural disasters, INTOSAI established the Supervisory Committee on Emerging Issues (SCEI). This committee operates under the direct leadership of the INTOSAI Chair and reports to the Governing Board, ensuring that we remain at the forefront of addressing these critical challenges.

The SCEI's mission is to proactively tackle and provide recommendations on significant issues and emerging challenges that affect both INTOSAI and individual SAIs. This involves coordinating and supporting the exchange of knowledge, establishing mechanisms to monitor these issues, and ensuring their integration into INTOSAI's strategic goals and programs. By doing so, we aim to equip our community with the tools and insights necessary to navigate the complexities of the modern world.

I am pleased to announce the release of the "Navigating Global Trends" report, approved by the INTOSAI Governing Board last October – a comprehensive document that synthesizes information from foresight reports and insights from the INTOSAI family to highlight seven global trends that will shape the future of societies and governments over the next 15 years: erosion of trust in institutions, economic challenges, digital transformation, climate change, demographic shifts, global migration, and rising inequalities. Each trend is analyzed in terms of key facts, uncertainties, and implications for governments, societies, and SAIs.

To support a deeper understanding and discussion of these trends, we will be hosting two webinars on March 18th (at 2:00 PM GMT) and 19th (at 4:30 AM GMT), 2025. These webinars will provide an opportunity for all INTOSAI members to engage with the findings of the report, share insights, and discuss the implications for our work. Your active participation in these sessions will be instrumental in shaping our collective response to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

I encourage you to review the "Navigating Global Trends" report in detail and consider how the identified trends may impact your areas of responsibility. Insights gained from this report will be invaluable as we work together to enhance our institutions' strategic foresight and resilience. The SCEI expert group has already prepared a draft guide to help SAIs with limited strategic planning experience use this report. The guide is currently being reviewed by the Committee members so it can be released soon.

We also invite the SAIs that have some experience in foresight activities to share any available products, reports, or news about those activities. It is our aim to create a case study database to gather all experiences related to this theme from INTOSAI members

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to the mission of INTOSAI. Together, we can navigate the complexities of the future and ensure that our institutions remain effective and relevant in promoting global good governance.

Best regards,



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