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Promoting the efficiency, transparency and accountability of public administration by strengthening supreme audit institutions

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2011/2 of 26 April 2011,

Recalling also its resolutions 59/55 of 2 December 2004 and 60/34 of 30 November 2005 and its previous resolutions on public administration and development,

Recalling further the United Nations Millennium Declaration,¹

Emphasizing the need to improve the efficiency, transparency and accountability of public administration,

Emphasizing also that efficient, accountable, effective and transparent public administration has a key role to play in the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Stressing the need for capacity-building as a tool to promote development and welcoming the cooperation of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions with the United Nations in this regard,

1. *Recognizes* that supreme audit institutions can accomplish their tasks objectively and effectively only if they are independent of the audited entity and are protected against outside influence;

2. *Also recognizes* the important role of supreme audit institutions in promoting the efficiency, transparency and accountability of public administration,

¹ See resolution 55/2.



which is conducive to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the work of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions in promoting greater transparency, accountability and efficient and effective receipt and use of public resources for the benefit of citizens and of the Lima Declaration of Guidelines on Auditing Precepts of 1977² and the Mexico Declaration of Supreme Audit Institutions Independence of 2007;³

4. *Calls upon* Member States to apply the principles set out in the Lima Declaration of Guidelines on Auditing Precepts of 1977 and the Mexico Declaration of Supreme Audit Institutions Independence of 2007;

5. *Encourages* Member States and relevant United Nations institutions to continue and intensify their cooperation, including in capacity-building, with the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions in order to promote good governance by ensuring efficiency, transparency and accountability through strengthened supreme audit institutions.

² See *Lima Declaration of Guidelines on Auditing Precepts*, adopted by the Ninth Congress of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions, Lima, 17-26 October 1977.

³ See *Mexico Declaration on Supreme Audit Institutions Independence*, adopted by the Nineteenth Congress of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions, Mexico City, 5-10 November 2007.