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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you very much for your email.

Unfortunately we haven't received your previous emails and have just received the email from EUROSAI Secretariat today.

That's why, considering the work schedule of our SAI management, who is in business trip today in territorial offices, we are not able to provide a video message. Instead, if it is convenient, please, find attached the written message from the SAI of Ukraine.

Also, more detailed information about our Group's activity could be presented in future events and would be very grateful if you could share with us a video or written message from the GTFD for the Meeting of our Working Group.

We wish you a fruitful and inspiring webinar.

Kind regards,

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Welcome address of Mr. Andrii Maisner, Acting Chairman of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine, Chair of the EUROSAI Working Group on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes

Estimados miembros de la OLACEFS,

Estimados miembros del Grupo de Trabajo sobre Fiscalización de Gestión de Desastres en el Marco de los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible (GTFD),

Queridos Colegas,

It is an honor for me, on behalf of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine – the Chair of the EUROSAI Working Group on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes (WGAFADC), to address the participants of the webinar on occasion of commemorating the 2023 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction.

The challenges of recent years, in particular, the devastating consequences of climate change – floods, droughts, large-scale forest fires, the Covid-19 pandemic and, consequences of wars, in particular in Ukraine, have changed our usual routes, lifestyles and halted development around the world.

Earthquakes in Turkey, Syria, which are recognized as the most powerful in the modern history of these countries (more than 59,500

people died), as well as in Morocco, Kazakhstan and a number of other countries. Mediterranean storm Daniel, which led to a series of floods in Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey. Floods in Libya, where (as of September 12) 5,200 Libyans were recognized as dead, almost 7,000 were wounded, and another 100,000 people were considered missing.

Forest fires in Greece and Hawaii, abnormal heat up to +45°C (2023 went down in history as the hottest year of modern times) and human carelessness led to large-scale fires.

Behind every emergency situation, natural disaster or catastrophe – human destinies, significant destruction of infrastructure and thousands of human victims.

Such catastrophes and natural disasters cause enormous damage and have a serious impact on people's lives and well-being. Unfortunately, the world often faces both natural and man-made disasters, as well as other emergencies, and this requires joint efforts to prevent, eliminate the consequences and restore the affected areas.

In these cases, it is important to have effective emergency response plans, prepare the population for possible dangers, improve infrastructure to reduce the risks of disasters and facilitate rapid response. At the same time, it is important not only to react effectively, but also to take measures to prevent similar events in the future.

I am convinced that the coordination of efforts at the international level plays an important role in solving global problems related to climate change, ecology and other threats.

Cooperation between different countries, organizations and agencies can help reduce the impact of disasters and save lives. International forums and meetings, such as this webinar, facilitate the exchange of experience and the development of common strategies for solving similar challenges.

I am sure that cooperation within the framework of INTOSAI between regional organizations of EUROSAI and OLACEFS, in particular between the EUROSAI Working Group on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes and Trabajo sobre Fiscalización de Gestión de Desastres en el Marco de los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible (GTFD) will promote capacity building, unification and coordination of efforts in developing effective disaster prevention and response tools.

I wish you a fruitful work and joint search for solutions to solve these pressing problems of today. I hope that by working together we will make our world safer for all of us and for future generations.