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Venue: World Trade Center Barcelona

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Barcelona

AGENDA FOR 16TH OCTOBER 2009

Time		Speakers
from 08.45 on	Arrival of delegates	
09.15 – 09.30	Opening and welcome	
09.30 – 10.00	Introduction to the overall subject	
10.00 – 11.30	<u>Session 1:</u> Auditing environmental programmes	Presentations from the EU (ECA), the UK (Scotland), Austria (Tyrol) and Russia (Rostov)
11.30 – 12.00	Coffee break	
12.00 – 13.30	<u>Session 2:</u> Auditing water issues	Presentations from Germany (Baden-Württemberg, Spain (Catalonia and the Community of Madrid) and Hungary
13.45 – 15.00	Lunch	
15.15 – 16.45	<u>Session 3:</u> Methodology to implement environmental audits	Presentations from the UK (England), France (Languedoc-Roussillon) and Norway (EUROSAI WGEA)
16.45 – 17.00	Conclusions of the three working sessions	Moderators from the Netherlands (Amsterdam), Poland (Bydgoszcz) and Spain (Catalonia)
17.00 – 17.15	Closure	

LIST OF SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

Opening and Welcome

Mr Ernest Benach Pascual, President of the Parliament of Catalonia
Mr Joan Colom Naval, President of the Audit Office of Catalonia

Introduction to the overall subject

Mr Joan Martínez Alier
Full Professor of Economics and Economic History of the Autonomous University of Barcelona
Environmental liabilities in private and public investments

Session 1: Auditing environmental programmes

Moderator: Mr Victor Eiff
Director of the Audit Office of Amsterdam

Speakers:

EU Mr Kikis Kazamias
Cyprian Member of the European Court of Auditors
Presentation of the ECA report on the Programme LIFE 2000-2006

UK Mrs Barbara Hurst
Director of Public Reporting for Central Government and Health in Audit Scotland
Presentation of the energy efficiency study in the Scottish public sector completed by Audit Scotland

Austria Mr Klaus Mayramhof
President of the Court of Audit of Tyrol
Auditing waste management in Tyrol

Russia Mr Valeryi I. Khripun
Chairman of the Chamber of Control and Accounts of Rostov Region
Auditing coalmine decommissioning in the Rostov Oblast

Session 2: Auditing water issues

Moderator: Mr Tadeusz Dobek
President of the Regional Chamber of Audit in Bydgoszcz

Speakers:

Germany Mrs Ursula Barth
Head of Unit at the Court of Audit of Baden-Württemberg
The implementation of the European Water Framework Directive in Baden-Württemberg taking as an example the ecological river basement management

Spain Mrs Montserrat Travé Borza
Audit Supervisor at the Audit Office of Catalonia
The audit of the programme "Actions to improve aquatic and fluvial ecosystems" carried out by the Catalan Water Agency

- Hungary Mrs Ildikó Tóthné Salamon
Auditor-Counsellor at the State Audit Office of Hungary
Water management and rainwater drainage tasks performed by local authorities in Hungary
- Spain Mr Ángel Luis del Castillo Gordo
Member of the Board of the Audit Office of the Autonomous Community of Madrid
Auditing the urban water cycle in the Community of Madrid

Session 3: Methodology to implement environmental audits

Moderator: Mr Josep María Mallarach, Environmental Consultant and Professor at the University of Girona

Speakers:

- UK Mr Michael Waite
District Auditor at the Audit Commission in England
The Audit Commission methodology for auditing the management of natural resources
- France Mr Nicolas Brunner
President of the Regional Audit Chamber of Languedoc-Roussillon
The evaluation of domestic waste management at local level in France: audit guide and essential indicators
- Norway Mrs Anne Fikkan
Deputy Director General at the Office of the Auditor General in Norway
Presidency of the EUROSAI Working Group on Environmental Audit
Environmental Audits in Europe

Conclusions and closure

Conclusions of the three different working sessions presented by the respective moderators

Mr Victor Eiff, Director of the Audit Office of Amsterdam
Mr Tadeusz Dobek, President of the Regional Chamber of Audit in Bydgoszcz
Mr Josep María Mallarach, Environmental Consultant and Professor at the University of Girona

Closure

Mr Joan Colom Naval, President of the Audit Office of Catalonia
Mr Christian Melly, President of EURORAI
Mr Francesc Baltasar Albesa, Minister of Environment and Housing of the Government of Catalonia