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**Second Plenary**  
**Closing remarks by CAG of India**

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**Distinguished delegates,**

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

- ❖ As we gather here for the closing of the 16th ASOSAI Assembly, \ I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. \ It has been an extraordinary six days, \ during which we have had the opportunity to engage in enriching discussions, \ exchange valuable insights, \ and reinforce our collective commitment to the principles of accountability, transparency, and good governance. \
- ❖ At the outset, \ I would like to express my deepest appreciation to SAI Thailand, \ under whose able leadership ASOSAI has reached new heights. \ Your guidance over the past three years has been instrumental in strengthening the foundations of this esteemed organization, \ and on my behalf and on behalf of all member SAIs, \ I thank you for your dedication and service. \
- ❖ I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to SAI China, \ our steadfast Secretary General, \ for their immense support in the conduct of elections today \ as well as for their tireless efforts in ensuring the smooth functioning of ASOSAI

\ and for fostering a spirit of collaboration across the region. \ You have played a crucial role in coordinating and steering the activities of ASOSAI.\

❖ A special word of thanks goes to SAI Japan, \ the Capacity Development Administrator, \ for its significant contributions to enhancing the skills and competencies of our member SAIs. \ Your efforts in capacity building have been crucial \ in enabling SAIs to meet the ever-evolving challenges we face \ as institution of public accountability.\

❖ I would also like to take a moment \ to recognize the contributions of the outgoing Governing Board members. \ Your wisdom and leadership have guided ASOSAI through a period of growth\ and transformation, \ and your contributions will continue to resonate within this community.\

❖ As we look forward, \ I am pleased to congratulate and welcome the newly elected members of the Governing Board\ and Audit Committee.\ Your election is a testament to the trust and confidence \ that your peers have in your ability to lead ASOSAI into the future. \ I am confident that, \ under your guidance, \ ASOSAI will continue to thrive and contribute to the global audit community.\

❖ Over the last six days, \ we have had the privilege of participating in numerous fruitful discussions, \ deliberating on the challenges\ and opportunities we face in the field of public auditing. \ The meetings have provided a platform for us to

present our reports, \ share best practices, \ innovative approaches, \ and to collectively reflect on our responsibilities as Supreme Audit Institutions.\

❖ We have also successfully carried out the essential business of this Assembly,\ addressing key matters such as capacity development, \ knowledge sharing,\ and strengthening institutional frameworks. \ The discussions have reinforced our shared commitment\ to improving public governance across the region.\

❖ A particular highlight of this Assembly has been the constructive and collaborative approach \ taken by all delegates towards the adoption of the New Delhi Declaration. \ This document is not just a reflection of our common vision\ but also a roadmap for our future endeavors.\

❖ I hope that in the midst of our intense discussions \ and meetings, you have had the chance to experience the rich cultural heritage of India. \ I trust that your visit to Agra \ and the iconic Taj Mahal \ was a memorable one, \ offering a glimpse into the splendour of our nation. \ We are honored to have been able to host you \ and hope that your stay in India has been both enjoyable and enriching. \

❖ As we conclude this Assembly, \ I would like to reaffirm our shared commitment to strengthening the role of SAIs\ not only promoting public sector accountability but collaborating and sharing our expertise, experience and best practices among the members. \ The challenges we face – \ whether they are related to digital transformation, \ climate change, or economic recovery \ –

require us to continuously evolve and adapt. \ But I have no doubt that, \ united by our common mission, we will rise to these challenges.\

❖ Finally, \ I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the member SAIs of ASOSAI. \ Your active participation, \ constructive contributions, \ and unwavering support \ have made this Assembly a resounding success. \ It is through our collective efforts\ that ASOSAI continues to grow and thrive as a beacon.\

❖ I wish all of you a pleasant and safe journey back home.\

Thank you.