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Official visit by delegation from the United Arab Emirates Accountability Authority (UAE AA) to the Hellenic Court of Audit

On 5 December 2024, a delegation from the United Arab Emirates Accountability Authority paid an official visit to the Hellenic Court of Audit.

The visit started with the official reception of H.E. **Mr. Humaid Abushibs, Chairman of the UAE AA**, by the President of the Court of Audit, **Mrs. Sotiria Ntouni**, and the General Prosecutor of the State at the Court of Audit, **Mr. Stamatios Poulis**.

The official reception was then followed by a presentation of the two Supreme Audit Institutions' competences by their respective delegations.

The UAE Accountability Authority's delegation referred to the type of audits it carries out (financial audits, compliance and performance audits, information systems audits) to promote the principles of transparency, integrity, accountability and honesty. During these audits extensive use of Artificial intelligence systems is made.

The Court of Audit's delegation informed the delegation of the UAE Accountability Authority on the Court's mission and its judicial, advisory and audit remits, as well as the remits of the Prosecutor General of the State at the Court of Audit, as enshrined in the Constitution and further defined in its new Organic Law, that was introduced in order to adapt the Court's competences to the new financial environment.

This visit laid the foundations for a productive cooperation between the two Institutions aiming at promoting common objectives. The prospect of drafting a

Memorandum of Understanding between the two Institutions was among the issues discussed.

The delegation of the Court of Audit consisted of **Ms. Sotiria Ntouni**, President, **Mr. Stamatios Poulis**, Prosecutor General of the State, the **Mrs. Anna Papanagiotou**, Judge – Counsellor, assigned with the portfolio of the Court’s bilateral relations with other SAIs, AISCUF and NATO, **Mrs. Styliani Tori**, Junior Judge, assisting within the said portfolio and **Mr. Emmanouil Kalaintzis**, Junior Judge, Assistant Spokesperson of the Court of Audit.

The United Arab Emirates Accountability Authority was represented by **H.E. Mr. Humaid Abushibs**, Chairman of the UAE Accountability Authority, accompanied by **H.E. Dr. Ali Obaid Al Dhaheri**, Ambassador of the UAE to Greece, Eng. **Mahrah AlShaya al Ali**, Head of Political Affairs & Public Diplomacy at the UAE Embassy in Athens, **Mrs. Fatmah Ashtairy**, Director of the Specialized Steering Team for Audit and Oversight Affairs, **Ms. Fatima Al Hammiri**, Head of Political Affairs & Diplomacy at the UAE Embassy in Athens, **Mr. Omar Al Shamsi**, Deputy Director of Strategic Relations, **Mr. Fahad Al Zarouni**, Director of the European, American and African Relations Department, **Mr. Saqer Al Nuaimi**, Acting Head of the Security and Defence Department/ Members and Rapporteur of the International Organizations Oversight and Audit Team, and **Ms. Alya Al Shamsi**, Secretary to the President for International Affairs.

