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### **Greetings from IIA Global Headquarters!**

On behalf of The Institute of Internal Auditors, it is my sincere privilege to congratulate President Domingos M. Sequeira de Almeida, and the Instituto Portuguese de Auditoria Interna Board of Directors, staff, and membership on your 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Since your incorporation in June of 1992, IPAI has worked diligently to represent and advance the best interests of the internal audit profession.

You have embraced every opportunity to elevate the profession and your annual conference is an outstanding occasion to reflect on your many accomplishments. The strong membership growth that IPAI has experienced can occur only in an organization that is vibrant, forward-thinking, and focused on serving the needs of its members. Your history of unwavering commitment to push the profession forward is impressive, and you should have tremendous pride in the progress you have made in serving the profession, your members, and the local community so well over the past 16 years. Whether it be through strong advocacy efforts to promote the value of the profession to government entities, active involvement and leadership with other Portuguese-speaking institutes, or a consistent ability to enhance knowledge and provide training on emerging issues, IPAI has demonstrated how an institute can elevate the stature and credibility of the internal audit profession.

I also commend you for preparing practitioners for the challenges ahead by encouraging them to become Certified Internal Auditors (CIAs). To date, 80 IPAI members have earned their CIA designation, and the goal to triple this number speaks volumes to your commitment to the professionalism of internal auditors.

Our profession continues to experience change and challenges around the world, as internal auditors are being tapped by senior management to provide an unprecedented level of support. However, when I consider the quality of information being exchanged and the level of knowledge being shared at events like your annual conference, I know that IPAI will rise to the challenges ahead by continuing to enhance the knowledge and professionalism of its members. Dedication such as yours is what will define our profession going forward, and will pave the way for future successes.

I look forward to witnessing more growth and accomplishments of IPAI. I wish you the best and hope you take time to celebrate all of your accomplishments, while looking forward to the bright future of our profession!

Sincerely,

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