Response to the IFAC Part 2, SMO Self-Assessment Questionnaire

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	IFAC Part 2 SMO Self-Assessment		
1.	SMO 1		
1.1.	Quality Assurance Program		
1.1.1.	Quality Assurance Review Program In your jurisdiction is there a mandatory quality assurance review program in place for members of your organization performing audits of financial statements of listed companies?	10 Yes	
		2 • No	
1.1.2.	Quality Assurance Review Program Follow Up What plans do you have for developing and implementing a quality assurance review program, or if you do not have those plans, what special reasons or conditions for that fact exist?	ICPARD is planning to int program of quality assurar review, but it have to work details and financing of su program. Before starting a program our country needs	nce c on the ch L QA

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		to th indiv impl curre assis prog the V also	approval of law 633. According is draft law, all audit firms and viduals will be required to ement quality control. We are ently seeking financial stance for the funding of this ram. We have met with both World Bank and IDB. We have reached out to big firms to ask echnical assistance.	
2.	SMO 2			
2.1.	<i>MB Membership Requirements</i> Which of the following are required for individuals to be admitted as members in your organization? Select all the options that are appropriate.	10	Complete a program of professional accountancy education	We are working in the modification of the Law 633 and Decree 2032, that rules the accounting profession, and we are going to introduce the need of practical experience, a minimum of hours of professional accountancy education and one examination to evaluate the individual's professional capabilities and competencies.
		2□ 3□	Complete a practical experience requirement Complete a final assessment of the individual's	··· - F

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		41	professional capabilities and competencies None of the above	
2.2.	<i>Continuous Professional Development</i> Is there a requirement for your members to develop and maintain competence through continuous professional development (CPD)?	10	Yes	See comments in the prior question
	· · ·	20	No	
2.3.	Professional Accountancy Education			
2.3.4.	Prof Accountancy Education Follow Up Please describe what does your organization require in terms of professional accountancy education for your members?	profe for c of m and 1	there's no obligatory essional accountancy education our members, but in the Project odification of the Law 633 Decree 2032, we are going to duce it.	
2.4.	Final Assessment Follow Up			
2.4.1.	<i>Final Assessment Approach Follow Up</i> Since your organization does not require completion of a final assessment, please describe how your organization assesses whether an individual has the required professional capabilities and competencies.		ally we are not doing that ssment.	
2.4.2.	Plans for Final Assessment Are there plans to introduce a final	10	Yes	

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	assessment of professional capabilities and competence?		
		20 No	
2.4.3.	Describe Plans for Final Assessment Please describe the proposals to introduce a final assessment of professional capabilities and competence, including how the final assessment will be undertaken and when your organization intends to implement the final assessment requirement.	We are working in the modification of the Law 633 and Decree 2032, that rules the accounting profession, and we are going to introduce the need of practical experience, a minimum of hours of professional accountancy education and one examination to evaluate the individual's professional capabilities and competencies. As the modification of a law is not controlled by us we are no able at this time to know when our organization could implement the final assessment requirement.	
2.5.	Practical Experience Follow Up		
2.5.1.	<i>Plans for Practical Experience</i> Are there plans to introduce a practical experience requirement?	1 O Yes	
		20 No	
2.5.2.	<i>Describe Plans for Practical Experience</i> Describe the proposed practical experience requirement including how the requirement	ICPARD is planning to introduce a requirement of practical experience,	

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	will be undertaken and when your organization intends to implement the requirement.	but it have to work on the details and financing of such program. We are working in the modification of the Law 633 and Decree 2032, that rules the accounting profession, and we are going to introduce the need of practical experience, a minimum of hours of professional accountancy education and one examination to evaluate the individual's professional capabilities and competencies.	
2.6.	Continuous Professional Development Follow Up		
2.6.1.	<i>Plans to Develop CPD</i> Are there plans to introduce continuous professional development requirements?	10 Yes 20 No	
2.6.2.	<i>Describe Plans for CPD</i> Please describe the proposed continuous professional development requirement including how the requirement will be undertaken and when your organization intends to implement the requirement.	To introduce the continuous professional development requirement, we need the modification of the Law 633 and Decree 2032, that rules the accounting profession, since the modification of a law is not controlled by us we are no able at this time to know when our	

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		organization could implement it.	
2.15.	Activities to Promote IESs SMO 2 Please describe the activities your organization undertakes to promote and assist in implementing the pronouncements issued by IFAC's International Accounting Education Standards Board.	In the first place we need to introduce the Spanish language pronouncements issued by IFAC's International Accounting Education Standards Board, and after that we are going to be able to promote then in our web page and in publication and courses to be made for the ICPARD.	
3.	SMO 3		
3.1.	Auditing Standards in Law/Regulation Does law or regulation establish the set of auditing standards to be used in the audit of private sector listed entities and non-listed entities? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	1□ Yes for audits of listed entities	
	Where the law / regulation establishes the auditing standards to be used by reference to the set of standards to be used by their name or by including the text of the standards in the law / regulation, please respond "yes" to this question. Section 3.8. of this module includes questions about the law / regulation.		

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	Where the law / regulation gives authority to a national standard-setter to establish the auditing standards, please respond "no". Section 3.2. of this module includes questions about the standard-setter and the auditing standards that are established.			
		2□	Yes for audits of non-listed entities	
		3☑ 4☑	No for audits of listed entities No for audits of non-listed entities	
3.2.	Responsibility for Private Sector Auditing Standards			
3.2.1.	Auditing Standards - Private Sector Is there only one set of auditing standards or are the auditing standards applicable to listed entities different from non-listed entities?	1 ⊙ 2O	The auditing standards for listed entities and non-listed entities are the same set of standards The auditing standards for listed entities and non-listed entities are not the same set of standards	
3.2.6.	<i>Responsibility for Auditing Standards</i> Who has the authority for establishing the auditing standards for listed and non-listed entities?	10	Our organization	
		20 30	Another IFAC member body Joint process between our	

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			organization and another IFAC member body or other organization	
		40	Another organization	
3.3.	Member Body SMO 3			
3.3.1.	<i>MB Convergence Objective SMO 3</i> Has convergence with IAASB pronouncements been established as an objective?	10	Yes	
	.	20	No	
3.3.3.	<i>MB Convergence Implemented SMO 3</i> Has the convergence objective for auditing standards been implemented?	10	Yes	
	1	20	No	
3.6.	Incorporation of Auditing Standards			
3.6.1.	<i>Incorporation Approach SMO 3</i> Where your response indicates that convergence with IAASB pronouncements has been implemented, which of the following best describes the approach is used to incorporate the IAASB pronouncements into national standards? Select the answer option that is most	10	IAASB pronouncements are adopted as drafted without amendments (refer Help Text)	
	appropriate. Help text: Answer Option 1 and reference to "adopted without amendment" Select this option where IAASB pronouncements are adopted as drafted	20	IAASB pronouncements are adopted as national standards and amended as necessary to address differences due to conflicts with legal or	

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	except for changes to: Rename the IAASB pronouncement to a national standard name; Translate the IAASB pronouncement into another language; Apply an effective date that differs from the IAASB pronouncement.		regulatory requirements (refer Help Text)	
	Answer Option 2 and 3 reference to "Differences" In responding to this question, "differences" may include: Requirements in addition to those specified in the IAASB pronouncement or ISA; Deletion of a basic principle, essential procedure, and / or related guidance specified in the IAASB pronouncement or ISA; Modification of a requirement specified in the IAASB pronouncement or ISA (e.g. an ISA requirement was not deleted in full because a similar requirement was included).	30	Existing national standards	
		30	Existing national standards are compared with IAASB pronouncements to eliminate to the extent possible differences between the national standard and the IAASB pronouncement (refer	

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		40	Help Text) Other	
3.6.2.	Adoption SMO 3	+0	Omer	
3.6.2.1.	IAASB Pronouncements Adopted Which of the following IAASB	1□	International Standard on	
	pronouncements have been adopted? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.		Quality Control 1	
		21	International Standards on Auditing	
		31	International Auditing Practices Statements	
		4☑	International Standards on Assurance Engagements	
		5☑	International Standards on Review Engagements	
		6⊠	International Standards on Related Services	
3.6.2.2.	Name of Standards SMO 3			
	When the IAASB pronouncements are	10	IAASB pronouncements are	
	adopted, are the IAASB pronouncements		adopted without changes to	
	renamed as national standards and pronouncements?		the pronouncement's name	
		20	IAASB pronouncements are	
			adopted with changes to their names	
3.6.2.4.	<i>Information - Adopted Standards SMO 3</i> Is information publicly available describing: The IAASB pronouncements that have been adopted;	10	Yes	

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	Whether the adopted IAASB pronouncement is the version in effect as at September 30, 2005; The effective date set by your organization where it differs from the IAASB			
	pronouncement?			
2625		20	No	<u></u>
3.6.2.5.	Submit Information - Adopted SMO 3 If the standard-setter has issued information about the status of adopted ISAs and other IAASB pronouncements and it is available in English, indicate this in your response and submit a copy of the information to Compliance Staff.	10	The information is available and in English and will be submitted to Compliance Staff	ICPARD first adopted ISAs in 2000. The comparison information will be prepared as part of the Part 3 of the Compliance Program.
	If this information is not available, complete the <a href="SMO 3 Comparison with
IAASB Pronouncements.doc">SMO 3: Comparison with IAASB Pronouncements report by clicking on the link and submit it in Word format to Compliance Staff.			
	Indicate whether your organization will be submitting available information or the "SMO 3: Comparison with IAASB Pronouncements" report.			
	Help text:	20	The "SMO 3: Comparison with IAASB Pronouncements" report will	

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			be completed and submitted to Compliance Staff	
3.10.	Translation SMO 3			
3.10.1.	<i>Translation of IAASB Pronouncements</i> Are the IAASB pronouncements translated into a national language?	10	No as English is the national language or a widely spoken language	We use The Handbook of International Auditing, translated by the Instituto Mexicano de Contadores Publicos, A.C. The latest version we use is 2006.
		20 30	Yes, the IAASB pronouncements are translated No and English is not an official language or is not widely spoken	
3.10.6.	<i>Translation Follow Up SMO 3</i> Explain why IAASB pronouncements are not translated (include information about specific impediments and challenges).		don't have the resources and the onnel to do that	
3.11.	Activities to Promote IAASB Pronouncements Please describe the activities your organization undertakes to promote and assist in the implementation of IAASB pronouncements and other IAASB activities.	Aud mos pron	made courses of International iting Standards, and translate t of the news about IAASB councements and other IAASB vities.	

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4.	SMO 4			
4.1.	Responsibility and National Ethical Requirements			
4.1.1.	<i>IFAC MB and Ethical Requirements</i> Does your organization establish ethical requirements (e.g. code of ethics, code of conduct, ethics rules, member regulations, etc.) to be complied with by your members?	10	Yes, our organization does establish ethical requirements	
	Help text: In some countries, ethical requirements may be established on a regional, provincial, or state basis. Where this is the case in your country for the ethical requirements that apply to your members, please contact Compliance Staff for further instruction.	20	No, our organization does not establish ethical requirements	
4.1.2.	<i>IFAC MB and Convergence with IFAC Code</i> Has your organization implemented convergence with the IFAC Code of Ethics as an objective?	10	Yes	
	,	20	No	
4.1.9.	<i>IFAC MB Approach to Ethics</i> Which of the following options best describes your organization's activities to incorporate the IFAC Code?	10	Our organization adopted the IFAC Code as issued without modifications	
	For the purposes of the Part 2 SMO 4 module, modifications include:			

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	Deletion/omission of concepts, principles, or guidance that are established in the IFAC Code; Inclusion of concepts, principles, or guidance that are not in the IFAC Code; Other amendments that give rise to differences between your organization's ethical requirements and the IFAC Code.			
		20	Our organization adopted the IFAC Code but with modifications	
		30		
		40	Our organization develops our own ethical requirements and uses another approach to incorporate the IFAC Code of Ethics	
4.1.11.	<i>IFAC MB and Other - Describe</i> Describe the approach used by your organization to incorporate the IFAC Code of Ethics.	IFA Octo whe	revised the key elements of the C Code of Ethics in effect as of ober 2001 that was the time n we made the last revision to Code of Ethics.	

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4.2.	MB and Version of IFAC Code		
4.2.1.	<i>Version of IFAC Code</i> Which version of the IFAC Code was adopted or used as the basis for your organization's ethical requirements?	 The IFAC Code currently in effect, revised and issued in June 2004 A version issued prior to 2004 The revised IFAC Code issued and in effect June 30, 2006 	
4.2.2.	Version Pre 2004 Follow Up SMO 4 Please explain why the IFAC Code that is currently in effect has not been adopted or incorporated. Provide information about special conditions, challenges, or impediments relevant to this matter.	Our organization in the last years had suffered some inconveniences that affected it, but in the next future is going to work in put order everything, according to our possibilities.	
		The challenges that ICPARD faces include language capacity (translations into Spanish are not readily available), lack of financial and technical resources.	
4.2.3.	<i>MB and Revised Code</i> Does your organization have plans to adopt the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006) or revise your ethical requirements to	10 Our organization has already amended our ethical requirements for the revised	

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	incorporate the revised IFAC Code? Select the option that is the most relevant.	20 30	IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006) Our organization is in the process of amending or has included a plan to amend our ethical requirements for the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006) Our organization currently has not included in our work program a plan to amend our ethical requirements for the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006) Other (please describe)	
4.2.5.	<i>MB and Revision Plans</i> Please describe the work program timetable.	At th detai	his moment we don't have a filed plan, but we are going to a on it in the near future.	
4.3.	<i>Ethical Requirements by Gov / Reg Bodies</i> In addition to the ethical requirements established by your organization, are there also laws or regulations that set out ethical requirements to be complied with by your members?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
4.5.	Comparison of Requirements SMO 4			

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	Does your organization have information that identifies any differences between the IFAC Code of Ethics currently in effect or the revised Code and the national ethical requirements? In responding to this question, differences include:	10	Yes, our organization has this information and it will be submitted	
	Principles, concepts, and guidance in the IFAC Code that are not addressed in the national ethical requirements; Principles, concepts, and guidance in the IFAC Code that are not equivalent to the national ethical requirements; Principles, concepts, rules, regulations, laws, or other mandatory ethical requirements in national ethical requirements that are not addressed in the IFAC Code.			
	The phrase "national ethical requirements" as used in this questionnaire refers to the totality of ethical requirements established by your organization and others including government and regulatory bodies that are applicable to your members.			
	applicable to your memoers.	20	This information will be submitted by another IFAC member body	
		30	No, the information is not available	

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4.6.1.	Integrity - Principle			
4.6.1.1.	Integrity Do the national ethical requirements require	10	Yes, professional accountants	
	professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "integrity" as described in the revised IFAC Code?		are required to comply with the same principle	
		20	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a	
		30	similar or equivalent principle The same or similar /	
			equivalent principle has not been established	
4.6.1.2.	Integrity Requirement Is the principle set out in your organization's ethical requirements and / or in laws and regulations? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	Our organization's ethical requirements	
		2□	Law that regulates professional accountants and / or auditors	
		3□ 4□	Securities regulation Other laws and / or regulation	
4.6.1.3.	Integrity - Other			
	Please state the term used to describe this principle and how this principle is defined.	2.1.1 All Certified Public Accountant in public practice must maintain a free and impartial criterion when expressing or emit		
		judg	ments or professional opinion.	

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		inde perfe emis appe inter the l inco	professionals who exert the pendent audit, when make a prmance destined to the ssion of a report, must be and ear like independent of any rest that can be contemplated, to ight of its possible effects, as mpatible with integrity, ctivity and independence.	
4.6.2.	Objectivity - Principle			
4.6.2.1.	<i>Objectivity</i> Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "objectivity" as described in the revised IFAC Code?	10	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with the same principle	
	desended in the revised if Ac code.	20 30	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle The same or similar /	
			equivalent principle has not been established	
4.6.2.2.	<i>Objectivity Requirement</i> Is the principle set out in your organization's ethical requirements and / or in laws and regulations? Select all the answer options	11	Our organization's ethical requirements	

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	that are appropriate.		
		 2□ Law that regulates professional accountants and / or auditors 3□ Securities regulation 4□ Other laws and / or regulation 	
4.6.2.3.	Objectivity - Other		
	Please state the term used to describe this principle and how this principle is defined.	2.2.10 The Public Accountant must to abstain to dedicate himself to businesses, activities, offices, positions, functions or other subjects that distort or nullify their independence and free criterion, impartiality, objectivity, or integrity, or the good Reputation of the profession.	
		2.2.11 It's the duty of the Public Accountant to stay conscious and alerts on acts, facts and circumstances that can affect their freedom, Veracity, fairness, impartiality and objectivity. He must abstain to act in adverse situations, such as familiar attachments, conflicts of interests, personal relations and other pressures or demands of internal or external nature.	

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		2,2,20 The acceptance of goods or services of the client can suppose a threat to independence. Equal consideration deserves the acceptance of illegal attentions. An independent auditor does not have to accept goods and services of the client, neither either his spouse or children who depend on him, except in commercial, not the more favorable terms that the available ones generally by third parties. The attentions and gifts that cannot be considered own of the courtesy of the social life must be rejected.		
4.6.3.	Professional Competence / Due Care - Principle			
4.6.3.1.	<i>Prof Competence / Due Care</i> Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "professional competence and due care" as described in the revised IFAC Code?	10	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with the same principle	
		20	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle	
		30	The same or similar /	

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			equivalent principle has not been established	
4.6.3.2.	Prof Competence / Due Care Req Is the principle set out in your organization's ethical requirements and / or in laws and regulations? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	Our organization's ethical requirements	
		2□	Law that regulates professional accountants and / or auditors	
		3□ 4□	Securities regulation Other laws and / or regulation	
4.6.3.3.	Prof Competence / Due Care - Other		¥	
	Please state the term used to describe this principle and how this principle is defined.	WO		
			Like requirement for the	
			ic Accountant accepts to	
		1	ide his services it is considered	
			him must have the technical	
			ing and the capacity necessary	
			ake of satisfactory way the essional activities to which is	
		-	mitted. Like means to obtain	
			l professional of the accounting	
		must adopt the program designed		
		by the ICPARD to guarantee the		
		control of quality in the fulfillment		
			s professional services,	
			equent with the national and national pronouncements.	
		mer	national pronouncements.	

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4.6.4.	Confidentiality - Principle			
4.6.4.1.	<i>Confidentiality</i> Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "confidentiality" as described in the revised IFAC Code?	10	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with the same principle	
		20	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle	
		30	The same or similar / equivalent principle has not been established	
4.6.4.2.	<i>Confidentiality Requirement</i> Is the principle set out in your organization's ethical requirements and / or in laws and regulations? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	Our organization's ethical requirements	
		2□	Law that regulates professional accountants and / or auditors	
		3□ 4□	Securities regulation Other laws and / or regulation	
4.6.4.3.	<i>Confidentiality - Other</i> Please state the term used to describe this principle and how this principle is defined.	2,3	PROFESSIONAL SECRET	
	r r r		Professional accountants the obligation to respect the	

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		confidentiality of the data acquired in the execution of his professional services, so in activities of its clients or when it makes workings in dependency relation.		
4.6.5.	Professional Behavior - Principle			
4.6.5.1.	<i>Professional Behavior</i> Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "professional behavior" as described in the revised IFAC Code?	10	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with the same principle	
		20	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle	
		30	The same or similar / equivalent principle has not been established	
4.6.5.2.	Professional Behavior Requirement Is the principle set out in your organization's ethical requirements and / or in laws and regulations? Select all the answer options	11	Our organization's ethical requirements	
	that are appropriate.	2□	Law that regulates professional accountants and / or auditors	

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		3 Securities regulation	
4 6 7 0		$4\square$ Other laws and / or regulation	
4.6.5.3.	<i>Professional Behavior - Other</i> Please state the term used to describe this principle and how this principle is defined.	 3,1,8 The profession is the product of the common effort of all the professionals of the accounting. The professionals must be respected mutually like to help themselves and to motivate themselves within an atmosphere of brotherly relations and with high spirit of not only collaboration in the national but world-wide scope. The professional of the accounting must have to take care of his relations with his colleagues, partners and collaborator. Therefore, he must abstain to incur in acts that harm his own prestige and reputation and the prestige and reputation in general. This type of responsibility also demands to the public accountant constant preoccupation by the formation and professional development to him for itself and in favor of its collaborators, for the 	

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			ices. Another duty important, e collaboration in the diffusion he own knowledge of the ession.	
4.7.	Threats and Safeguards - National			
4.7.1.	<i>Threats and Safeguards</i> Do the national ethical requirements establish a framework or principle similar or equivalent to the threats and safeguards framework as described in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006)? Select the answer option that is the most appropriate.	10	Yes, our organization has a threats and safeguards framework or similar / equivalent framework in our ethical requirements	
		20	Yes, a threats and safeguards framework or similar / equivalent framework is in the ethical requirements established in law and / or regulation	
		30	0	
4.7.2.	<i>Threats and Safeguards Follow Up</i> Please explain whether your organization plans to introduce the "threats and		mportant task that we have to e is to modify our Code of	

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	safeguards" concept into the ethical requirements.	Ethio	CS	
	Where there are no plans to introduce this concept, please describe the special challenges, impediments, or conditions that are relevant to this matter.			
4.8.	Ethical Behavior Resolution			
4.8.1.	<i>Identifying and Resolving Unethical</i> <i>Behavior</i> Are there specific requirements and guidance provided to assist your members in	11	Yes, our organization has developed requirements for	
	identifying and resolving ethical matters? Select all of the answer option that are appropriate.		identifying and resolving ethical matters	
		2□	Yes, government, regulatory, or oversight bodies have developed requirements for identifying and resolving ethical mattes	
		3□	No, there is no such requirements or guidance	
4.8.2.	<i>MB and Ethical Conflict Resolution</i> Are the ethical conflict resolution requirements and guidance adopted from the IFAC Code or similar / equivalent to the guidance in the Code? Select the answer	10	Yes, the requirements and guidance are adopted from the IFAC Code	

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	option that is the most appropriate.			
		20	Yes, the IFAC Code was used as a model in developing the requirements	
		30	Yes, the requirements are similar / equivalent to the IFAC Code	
		40	No, the requirements differ from the IFAC Code	
4.9.	Independence and Threats So Significant			
4.9.1.	Provisions and Threats to Independence The "SMO 4: Provisions Relating to Threats to Independence" report refers to specific provisions of Section 290 of the revised IFAC Code of Ethics that are currently in effect. Section 290 requires members of assurance teams, firms, and when applicable, network firms be independent of assurance clients and describes specific circumstances that may give rise to threats to independence.	10	Our organization will complete the "SMO 4: Provisions Relating to Threats to Independence" report	This information will be prepared as part of the Action Plan.
	Where Section 290 is applicable to your members, the <a href="SMO 4 Comparison
of Threats to Independence.doc">SMO 4: Provisions Relating to Threats to Independence report should be completed and submitted to Compliance Staff. Alternatively, where this information is available in another format it can be			

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	submitted instead of the report. Select the option below to confirm the information to be submitted.			
	Help text: Section 290 of the revised Code of Ethics is currently in effect. Section 290 describes specific provisions that may give rise to threats to independence that are so significant, no safeguards are available to reduce the threat to an acceptable level. For some provisions the Code describes the actions that are available to address the threat.	20	Our members provide assurance services; however, another IFAC member body will complete the "SMO 4; Provisions Relating to Threats to Independence" report or provide the relevant information to Compliance Staff.	
		30	Our members do not provide assurance services; therefore, Section 290 and the Provisions Relating to Threats to Independence is not applicable to our organization.	
4.10.	National Ethical Requirements - Other			
4.10.1.	National - Prof Accountants			
4.10.1.1.	National Additional - Prof Accountants Are there rules, regulations, laws, or other mandatory ethical requirements established by your organization, government, regulatory or other bodies that your members must comply with but are not	10	Yes	

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	addressed in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006)?			
		20	No	
4.10.1.2.	<i>National Conflicts - Prof Accountants</i> Are there principles, concepts, and guidance in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30,	10	Yes	
	2006) that conflict with national ethical requirements applicable to your requirements?			
	1	20	No	
4.10.2.	National - Public Practice			
4.10.2.1.	National Additional - Public Practice Are there rules, regulations, laws, or other mandatory ethical requirements established by your organization, government, regulatory or other bodies that are applicable to your members who are professional accountants in public practice that are not addressed in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006)?	10	Not applicable as our members do not operate as professional accountants in public practice	
		20 30	Yes No	
4.10.2.2.	National Conflicts - Public Practice Are there principles, concepts, and guidance in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006) that conflict with national ethical requirements applicable to your members who are professional accountants in public practice?	10	Not applicable as our members do not operate as professional accountants in public practice	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
		20	Yes	
		30	No	
4.10.3.	National - Business			
4.10.3.1.	National Additional - Business Are there rules, regulations, laws, or other mandatory ethical requirements established by your organization, government, regulatory or other bodies that are applicable to your members who are professional accountants in business that are not	10	Not applicable as our members do not operate as professional accountants employed in business	
	addressed in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006)?			
		20	Yes	
		30	No	
4.10.3.2.	National Conflicts - Business Are there principles, concepts, and guidance in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006) that conflict with national ethical requirements applicable to your members who are professional accountants employed in business?	10	Not applicable as our members do not operate as professional accountants employed in business	
		20 30	Yes	
4.11.	<i>Translation of IFAC Code</i> Has your organization or others (e.g. government or regulatory body) translated the IFAC Code (in effect) or earlier versions of the Code? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	1	No, as English is an official language or widely spoken language	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
		2□	Yes, our organization has	
		3□	translated the IFAC Code Yes, a government,	
		5	regulatory, or other body has	
			translated the IFAC Code	
		4☑	No, the IFAC Code has not	
			been translated and English is	
			not an official language or	
			widely spoken language	
4.13.	<i>Translation and Follow Up</i> Explain the reasons why the IFAC Code was not translated including information about specific challenges or impediments.	We do th	don't now have the resources to nat	
4.15.	Activities to Promote IFAC Code of Ethics Please describe the activities your organization undertakes to promote and assist in implementing the pronouncements (e.g. IFAC Code of Ethics) and work of IFAC's International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.		are going to work on that in the future	
5.	SMO 5			
5.1.	Public Sector Accounting Standards - Objective Has the federal government / national government established convergence with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs) as an objective?	10	Yes	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
		20 30	No Information is not available or not known	
5.2.	IPSASs Convergence Follow Up			
5.2.1.	Public Sector Accounting Standards - Cash/Accrual	10		
	Do the national public sector accounting standards require financial statements to be prepared on a cash basis or accrual basis?	10	Cash	The public sector follows government standards. The government is now in the process to move to accrual basis.
		20	Accrual	
		30	Both cash and accrual are permitted	
5.2.2.	<i>Convergence Plans Follow Up SMO 5</i> Does the government have plans to converge national public sector accounting standards with IPSASs?	10	Yes	
		20 30	No Information is not available or not known	
5.2.3.	<i>Describe Plans Follow Up SMO 5</i> Describe the government's plans to converge national public sector accounting standards with IPSASs.		ARD does not have that rmation.	
5.4.	Activities to Promote IPSASB Pronouncements Please describe the activities your	We	made several meetings with	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text	Answer	Comments
	organization undertakes to promote pronouncements issued by the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board. Please provide an explanation where such activities have not been undertaken because they are not within the scope of your organization's objectives or work program.	government personnel, to promote pronouncements issued by the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board, and the principal executives of "Direccion General de Contabilidad Gubernamental". (Main Directorate of Governmental Accounting) told us that the want to coordinate with us how implement the IPSAS in the near future.	
6.	SMO 6		
6.1.	<i>Investigation and Discipline Program</i> In your jurisdiction is there a program for investigating and disciplining members of your organization for misconduct, including breaches of professional standards and rules?	1⊙ Yes	
		20 No	
6.3.	Responsibility for Investigation and Discipline		
6.3.1.	Body Responsible for Investigation and Discipline Is your organization responsible for investigation and discipline of misconduct, including breaches of professional standards and rules by its individual members (and, if	1 • Yes, our organization has this responsibility	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	local laws and practices permit, by firms)? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.			
		20	No, responsibility for investigation and discipline rests solely with an external body	
		30	Our organization shares responsibility for investigation and discipline with an external body	
		40	Other	
6.5.	SMO 6 - Detailed Assessment			
6.5.1.	Rules and Procedures for Investigation and Discipline			
6.5.1.1.	<i>Rules and Procedures</i> Does your organization establish in its constitution or rules the provisions and processes for the investigating and disciplining your members?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
6.5.1.3.	Misconduct In your jurisdiction, which of the following are considered "misconduct" as described in SMO 6 paragraph 4? Select all the answer	11	Criminal activity	
	options that are appropriate.	21	Acts or omissions likely to bring the accountancy profession into disrepute	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
		31	Breaches of professional	
			standards	
		4☑	Breaches of ethical	
			requirements	
		5☑	1 00	
		6🗆	A number of less serious	
			instances of professional	
			negligence that, cumulatively,	
			may indicate unfitness to	
			exercise practicing rights	
		7₫	Unsatisfactory work	
		8□	Other (please describe)	
6.5.2.	Types of Sanctions			
	Which of the following actions can be imposed by those who judge such issues: Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	Reprimand	
		21	Loss or restriction of practice	
			rights	
		3□	Fine/payment of costs	
		4☑	Loss of professional title	
			(designation)	
		5☑	Exclusion from membership	
		6□	Other (please describe)	
6.5.3.	Provision of Information and Guidance to		•	
	Members			
6.5.3.1.	<i>Information and Guidance</i> Does your organization make each member fully aware of:	10	Yes	
Number	Question Title/Text/Help text	Answer	Comments	
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	 All provisions of the ethical code and other applicable professional standards, rules and requirements (and any amendments), whether issued by IFAC or at the national level by the member body and Consequences of non-compliance? 			
		20 No		
6.5.3.2.	<i>Information and Guidance Description</i> Provide a brief description of how your organization meets this requirement of SMO 6.	Informing our members provisions of the ethical other applicable professi standards, rules and requ that have to be fulfilled.	code and onal	
6.5.4.	Obligations to Report to Outside Bodies			
6.5.4.1.	Reporting to Outside Bodies Is your organization obligated under local laws to report possible involvement in serious crimes and offences by its individual members or member firms to the appropriate public authority and disclose related information to that authority?	1 O Yes	ICPARD's Ethics Committee reports accountants that falsify reports, however no cases were reported so far.	
	-	20 No		
6.5.5.	Approach to Proceedings What type of approach does your organization use to initiate investigation and discipline proceedings? Select all the answer	1 Information-based		

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	options that are appropriate.			
		21	Complaints-based	
		3□	Other (please describe)	
		4	None of the above	
6.5.6.	Investigative Powers and Processes			
6.5.6.1.	Powers			
	Does your organization have all required powers so that authorized personnel can carry out an effective investigation?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
6.5.6.3.	Cooperation of Members			
	Do the powers to carry out an effective	11	A requirement for members	
	investigation include:		(and member firms) to co-	
	Select all the answer options that are		operate in the investigation of	
	appropriate.		complaints and to respond	
			promptly to all communications from the	
		21	member body Provision for sanctions in the	
		ZĽ	event of failure to comply	
		3□	None of the above	
6.5.6.6.	Expertise and Resource	5		-
0.5.0.0.	Does your organization maintain appropriate expertise and adequate financial and other resources to enable timely investigative and disciplinary action?	10	Yes (please describe)	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text	Answer	Comments
		20 No	
6.5.6.7.	<i>Expertise and Resources Follow Up</i> What plans do you have for developing the appropriate expertise and resources required to enable timely investigative and disciplinary action, or if you do not have those plans, what special reasons or conditions for that fact exist?	We don't have problems with the appropriate expertise, but we don't have all the financial resources required to enable timely investigative and disciplinary action, but we are going to work planning how to obtain more resources.	
6.5.6.8.	<i>Independence and Subject of Investigation</i> Does your organization in all cases, confirm at the start of the investigation that any individual chosen to assist in an investigation is independent from (a) the subject of the investigation, and (b) anyone connected with or interested in the matter investigated?	10 Yes	
	Help text: If a conflict exists at the start of an investigation, or arises during the investigation, the chosen individual should immediately withdraw. Similar considerations apply equally to anyone else connected with the investigation and hearing of cases.	20 No	

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	Which of the following best describes your organization's investigation and discipline infrastructure? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	10	One committee/panel to investigate the complaint and a separate committee/tribunal to administer disciplinary action	
		20	A single committee/panel to conduct the investigation and administer disciplinary action.	
		30	Other	
6.5.6.12.	<i>Independent Review</i> Has your organization established and does it maintain a process for the independent review of complaints by clients and others where it has been decided by the investigation committee that the matter will not be referred to a disciplinary hearing?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
6.5.7.	The Disciplinary Process			
6.5.7.1.	<i>Composition of Tribunal</i> Does the tribunal responsible for the disciplinary hearing contain a balance of professional expertise and outside judgment (e.g., composed of accountants and non-	10	Yes (please describe)	
	accountants)?	20	No	
6.5.7.2.	Composition of Tribunal Follow Up	20	NO	
0.011.2	Please explain why the tribunal responsible	Beca	ause we have to modify the	

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	for the disciplinary hearing does not contain a balance of professional expertise and outside judgment (e.g., composed of accountants and non-accountants)?	Law to include non-accountants.	
6.5.7.3.	<i>Conflicts</i> Are members of the investigation committee or the disciplinary tribunal permitted to serve on both at the same time, or in relation to the same case?	10 Yes	But the prosecutor of the disciplinary tribunal will be the President of the Committee of Qualifications and Professional ethics.
		2 • No	
6.5.7.5.	Independence of Tribunal Briefly describe how the disciplinary tribunal exhibits independence.	 In case that some member of the Disciplinary Court violates the Code of Professional Ethics, the audit pronouncements, principles of accounting and the laws and regulations of the Institute, it will be judged before the own Disciplinary Court, being able to impose the following penalties to him: a) Public or privated reprimand. b) Suppression of voice and vote per variable periods in opinion of the Court. 	
		per variable periods in opinion of	

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			ing chosen for a position anisms of the Institute.	
		/	ution before an nary Assembly.	
6.5.7.6.	Appeals Process Does your organization's rules: Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	othe defe reprodisc: advi the i disc: 2□ Perro appe impo 3□ Perro agai susp conv penco appe 4□ Proh from or a tribu	nit a qualified lawyer or r person chosen by the indant to accompany and esent the defendant at all iplinary hearings and to se him or her throughout investigative and iplinary process nit the defendant to eal the conviction and any osed sanction nit any order made nst the defendant to be bended by the tribunal that victed the defendant, ding the hearing of that eal nibit the appeal tribunal n including a prosecutor member of the first unal, or any other vidual who was	

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		5□	concerned with the original conviction Require that the same procedures apply to the appeal process as apply to hearings before the disciplinary tribunal None of the above	
6.5.7.7.	Appeals Process Follow Up Please explain why your organization has not established the rules that were not selected.	Beca	use the rules that were not ted, are not include in the Law	
6.5.8.	Administrative Processes			
6.5.8.1.	<i>Elements of Administrative Processes</i> As a part of Investigation and Discipline administrative processes does your organization:	11	Establish time limits for disposal (completion) of all cases	
	Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	21	Maintain and operate tracking mechanisms, to ensure that all investigations and prosecutions are promptly handled, and that all necessary action is taken at the appropriate stage	

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		3□	Maintain a procedure	
			requiring (a) notification to	
			all persons employed or	
			otherwise participating in the	
			investigative and disciplinary	
			processes (or having access to	
			information concerning such	
			processes) of the importance of maintaining	
			confidentiality, and (b) a	
			binding agreement to	
			maintain that confidentiality	
		4☑	Maintain secure and	
			confidential facilities for the	
			storage of case papers and	
			other evidence	
		5₫	Maintain records of all	
			investigation and disciplinary	
			proceedings	
		6	None of the above	
6.5.8.2.	Elements of Administrative Processes			
	Follow Up	P		
	Please explain why your organization has		use the the administrative	
	not established the administrative processes	1	esses that were not selected,	
	that were not selected.		not include in the Law 633. And	
		we n	eed to update it.	
6.5.8.3.	Case Numbers			

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text	Answer	Comments
6.5.8.3.1.	2005 Heard Case Numbers Indicate the number of cases heard in 2005.	0	
6.5.8.3.2.	2004 Heard Case Numbers Indicate the number of cases heard in 2004.	0	
6.5.8.3.3.	2003 Heard Case Numbers Indicate the number of cases heard in 2003.	0	
6.5.8.3.4.	2005 Completed Case Numbers Indicate the number of cases completed in 2005.	0	
6.5.8.3.5.	2004 Completed Case Numbers Indicate the number of cases completed in 2004.	0	
6.5.8.3.6.	2003 Completed Case Numbers Indicate the number of cases completed in 2003.	0	
6.5.8.3.7.	Average time required for disposal of cases Indicate the average time (in months) required for the disposal (completion) of a case. This number should include both the time spent on (a) the investigation of the complaints and (b) the disciplinary proceedings.	0	We don't have that information

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7.	SMO 7			
7.1.	Accounting Standards in Law/Regulation Does law or regulation establish the set of accounting standards to be used for preparation of financial statements of private sector listed entities and non-listed entities? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	Yes, for financial statements of listed entities	
	Where the law / regulation establishes the accounting standards to be used by reference to the set of standards to be used by their name or by including the text of the standards in the law / regulation, please respond "yes" to this question. Section 7.8. of this module includes questions about the law / regulation.			
	Where the law / regulation gives authority to a national standard-setter to establish the accounting standards, please respond "no". Section 7.2. of this module includes questions about the standard-setter and the accounting standards that are established.			
	accounting standards that are established.	21	Yes, for financial statements of non-listed entities	
		3□	No, for financial statements of listed entities	
		4□	No, for financial statements of non-listed entities	

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7.8.	Law/Reg and Accounting Standards Law/Reg Accounting Standards - Private			
7.0.1.	Sector			
	Is there only one group of accounting standards or are the accounting standards applicable to listed entities different from non-listed entities?	10	The accounting standards for listed entities and non-listed entities are the same set of standards	
	non insted charges.	20	The accounting standards for listed entities and non-listed entities are not the same set of standards	
7.8.2.	Accounting Standards for Private Sector			
	Does the law/regulation require the use of International Financial Reporting Standards and other pronouncements issued by the International Accounting Standards Board? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.	1© 20	The law/regulation simply refers to International Financial Reporting Standards as the accounting standards (without bringing in the full or partial text of individual IFRSs) The law/regulation contains	
		30	the full text of each IFRS The law/regulation contains the main principles of the IFRSs	
		40	The law / regulation has a requirement to use IFRSs using another approach (please describe)	
		50	The law / regulation requires the use of national standards	

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			with no reference to IFRSs	
7.8.9.	<i>MB Responsibilities and IASB SMO 7</i> Does your organization have responsibility for any of the following activities? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	1□	Develop other authoritative pronouncements	
		2⊠ 3□ 4□	Promulgate the IFRSs established by law / regulation (e.g. by publishing or communicating the standards to the public) Other (please describe) None of the above	
7.8.11.	<i>Describe Activities and Law/Reg SMO 7</i> Describe your organization's activities for promulgating and / or implementing the standards.	site,	rming our members in our web by E-mails and giving courses ed to the standards	
7.9.	Law/Reg and IASB Pronouncements			
7.9.1.	Incorporation into Law/Reg SMO 7 Is information publicly available about IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements that have been established into law/regulation, including:	10	Yes	
	IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements that have been established into law / regulation; Whether the IFRS or IASB pronouncement established into law / regulation is the version in effect as at September 30, 2005;			

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	The effective date set by law / regulation where it differs from the IFRS or IASB pronouncement; The differences between IFRSs and IASB pronouncements and what was established into law / regulation; and The reasons for the differences?			
7.9.2.	Incorporation Description - Law/Reg SMO	20	No	
	7 If the information about the status of IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements that have been established into law is available in English, indicate this in your response and submit a copy of the information to Compliance Staff.	10	Yes, information is available and in English and will be submitted to Compliance Staff	
	If this information is not available, complete the <a href="SMO 7 Comparison with IASB
Pronouncements.doc">SMO 7: Comparison with IASB Pronouncements report and submit it in Word format to Compliance Staff.			
	Indicate whether your organization will be submitting available information or the "SMO 7: Comparison with IASB Pronouncements" report.	20	No, information is not available; however our	

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		30	organization or jointly with another IFAC member / associate will complete the "SMO 7: Comparison with IASB Pronouncements" and submit it to Compliance Staff No, information is not available	
7.10.	Translation SMO 7			
7.10.1.	<i>Translation of IFRSs</i> Are the IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements translated into national language?	10 20 3⊙	No, as English is an official language or widely spoken language Yes, the IFRSs are translated No and English is not an official language or is not widely spoken	
7.10.2.	<i>Translation Follow Up SMO 7</i> Explain why IFRSs are not translated (include information about specific impediments and challenges).	We buy the IASB official translated bound volume of the IFRSs.		
7.11.	Promotion Activities SMO 7 Please describe the activities your organization undertakes to promote and assist in the implementation of IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements and activities.	Informing our members in our web site, by E-mails and giving courses related to the standards		
8.	Certification of Chief Executive			

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
8.1.	Complete Certification Once all required questions have been completed, the Certification of Chief Executive should be signed and submitted to Compliance Staff. Click <a href="Part 2
SMO Self Assessment
Certification.doc">here to download a copy of the Certification form.	1⊠ 2□	Yes, the Certification of Chief Executive has been submitted	