

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR REINDEER HUSBANDRY
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The Office of the Auditor General's Report

To International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry

(Translation from the original Norwegian version)

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

The Office of the Auditor General has audited the financial statements of the International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry for 2020. The financial statements consist of management commentary and the presentation of appropriation and general ledger account reporting, including notes on the financial statements for the financial year ending on 31 December 2020.

The appropriation and general ledger account reporting show that a net amount of NOK 6,203,414 was reported to the appropriation account.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements is prepared in accordance with laws and regulations, and gives a true and fair view of the International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry's available appropriations, revenue and expenses in 2020 and of capital accounts as at 31 December 2020, in accordance with regulations on financial management in the Norwegian central government.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Act relating to the Auditor General, the Regulations concerning the activities of the Office of the Auditor General, and International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAI 2000-2899). Our tasks and responsibilities in relation to these standards are described under "Auditor's tasks and responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements". We are independent of the International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry as required by the Act and Regulations relating to the activities of the Office of the Auditor General and of ISSAI 130 (INTOSAI's¹ Code of Ethics), and we have adhered to our other ethical obligations in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information in the Annual Report

The management is responsible for the Annual Report, which consists of the financial statements (Part VI) and other information (Parts I–V). The Office of the Auditor General's statement encompasses the audit of the financial statements and the International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry's compliance with administrative regulations for financial management — not other information included in the Annual Report (Parts I–V). We do not attest to the other information.

In connection with the audit of the financial statements, we are required to read the other information included in the Annual Report. The purpose is to assess whether there are significant inconsistencies

¹ International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions

between the other information, the financial statements and the knowledge we have acquired during the audit. We also evaluate whether the other information appears to contain significant inaccuracies. If we conclude that the other information contains significant inaccuracies, we are obligated to report this in the audit report.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the management, the board of directors and the Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation

The management and the board of directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the regulations financial management in the Norwegian central government. The management and the board of directors are also responsible for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation and the board of directors have the overarching responsibility of ensuring that International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry reports relevant, reliable results and accounting information and has appropriate internal controls.

The Office of the Auditor General's tasks and responsibilities for the audit of the Financial statements

The aim of the audit is to achieve reasonable assurance that the financial statements as a whole do not contain material misstatement, either as a result of irregularities or accidental errors, and to submit an audit report that presents the conclusions reached by the Office of the Auditor General. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but there is no guarantee that an audit carried out in accordance with the Act and Regulations related to Office of the Auditor General's activities and the international standards for public financial auditing (ISSAI 2000-2899) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can occur as a result of irregularities or accidental errors. Misstatements are deemed significant if they, individually or collectively, could reasonably be expected to influence decisions made on the basis of the financial statements.

We exercise professional judgement and demonstrate professional scepticism throughout the entire audit, in accordance with the Act and Regulations related to Office of the Auditor General's activities and the international standards for public financial auditing (ISSAI 2000-2899).

We identify and estimate the risks of significant inaccuracies in the financial statements, whether these are due to irregularities or accidental errors. Furthermore, we formulate and carry out audit procedures to handle such risks and collect sufficient and appropriate audit evidence as a basis for our opinion. The risk of significant inaccuracies being missed is higher for inaccuracies resulting from irregularities than for those resulting from accidental errors. The reason for this is that irregularities can entail conspiracy, forgery, deliberate omissions, misrepresentations or overriding of internal controls.

We also do the following:

- Develop an understanding of the internal control that is relevant to the audit in order to formulate audit procedures that are appropriate for the circumstances, but not to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry's internal controls
- Evaluate whether the accruals principles used are appropriate, and whether the associated information prepared by the management is reasonable
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements , including the supplementary information
- Evaluate whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a way that gives a true and fair view, in accordance with the regulations for financial management within the state

We communicate with the management and the board of directors, to inform them of the planned scope and timing of the audit. We will also address matters of importance that are revealed over the course of the audit, such as significant deficiencies in internal control, and will inform the Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation accordingly.

Regarding matters that we discuss with the management and board of directors, and communicate to the Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, we decide which matters are most important to the audit of the financial statements and determine whether these are to be considered key factors in the audit. In such cases, these are described in a separate section of the audit report, unless laws or regulations prevent the information from being made public. Matters will not be discussed in the report if the Office of the Auditor General determines that it is reasonable to expect that the negative consequences of such information being made public would outweigh the public interest of discussing the matter. This will only be relevant in very rare cases.

If, during the audit of the financial statements, we identify indications of material non-compliance with administrative regulations relating to financial management within the state, we carry out selected audit procedures in order to express our opinion about whether there are material breaches of such regulations.

Report on other matters

Opinion related to administrative regulations for financial management

We issue an opinion on whether a matter has come to our attention indicating that the entity's use of appropriations in a way that is substantially contrary to the administrative regulations on financial management within the state. Our opinion is made with limited assurance and is based on ISSAI 4000 for compliance audit. We achieve limited assurance for the opinion through the audit of the financial statements as described above, and through control procedures we consider are necessary.

Based on our audit of the financial statements, and control procedures we have found necessary according to ISSAI 4000, nothing has come to our attention indicating that the International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry's use of appropriations does not comply with administrative regulations relating to financial management within the state.

Oslo, 19/05/2020

By authority

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Note: This translation is an attachment to the original letter. Translation has been made for information purposes only.