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Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Public Statement of February 19, 2016 on Improving Global AML/CFT compliance: Ongoing Process

On February 19, 2016 the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the global standard setting body for anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT), issued an updated statement on “Improving Global AML/CFT compliance: On-going Process”.

Jurisdictions with strategic AML/CFT deficiencies that have provided a high-level political commitment to address the deficiencies through implementation of an action plan developed with the FATF are:

Afghanistan	Papua New Guinea
Boznia and Herzegovina	Syria
Guyana	Uganda
Iraq	Vanuatu
Lao PDR	Yemen
Myanmar	

The FATF calls on these jurisdictions to complete the implementation of action plans expeditiously and within the proposed timeframe. The FATF will closely monitor the implementation of these action plans and encourages its members to consider the information in its Statement regarding these jurisdictions.

Jurisdiction no longer subject to the FATF’s on-going global AML/CFT compliance process.

It is also noted that as a result of the significant progress made in improving their AML/CFT regimes the following jurisdiction is no longer subject to the FATF’s ongoing global AML/CFT compliance process:

Algeria
Angola
Panama

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A copy of the updated FATF statement of February 19, 2016 can also be viewed via the FATF website at <http://www.fatf-gafi.org>.

Reporting entities should take the FATF statement into account when considering whether a particular transaction should be reported to the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) as a suspicious transaction under Section 18(4) of the Anti Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AMLCFT) Act 2009. Where a transaction is reportable under Regulation 12 of Regulations 2010 made under the AMLCFT Act as a threshold transaction, reporting entities should remember that a suspicious transaction report may be required in addition to the threshold report, where grounds for suspicion exist. FIU recommends that reporting entities continue to review and update their AML/CFT programs.

Note:

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