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Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Public Statement of February 23, 2018 on Improving Global AML/CFT compliance: Ongoing Process

On February 23, 2018 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:

Ethiopia	Trinidad and Tobago
Iraq	Tunisia
Serbia	Vanuatu
Sri Lanka	Yemen
Syria	

The FATF calls on these jurisdictions to complete the implementation of action plans expeditiously and within the proposed timeframes. 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.

Jurisdictions 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 regime the following jurisdiction is no longer subject to the FATF’s ongoing global AML/CFT compliance process:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina

A copy of the updated FATF statement of February 23, 2018 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

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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.

Note:

The information contained in this document is intended only to provide a summary and general overview on these matters. It is not intended to be comprehensive. It does not constitute, nor should it be treated as legal advice or opinions.

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