

## **Financial Intelligence Unit**

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#### **Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Public Statement of June 29, 2018 relating to high-risk and non-cooperative jurisdictions.**

On June 29, 2018 the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the global standard setting body for anti-money laundering and combatting the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT), issued an updated statement on “Jurisdictions that have strategic deficiencies in their anti-money laundering and combatting the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) regime. This statement lists those jurisdictions in two categories and effectively replaces any earlier statements regarding those jurisdictions.

*Category (I) - Jurisdictions subject to a FATF call on its members and other jurisdictions to apply counter-measures to protect the international financial system from the ongoing and substantial money laundering and terrorist financing (ML/FT) risks emanating from the DPRK.*

- **Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK)**

The FATF remains concerned by the DPRK’s failure to address the significant deficiencies in its anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) regime and the serious threats it poses to the integrity of the international financial system. The FATF urges the DPRK to immediately and meaningfully address its AML/CFT deficiencies. Further, FATF has serious concerns with the threats posed by DPRK’s illicit activities related to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) and its financing.

Reporting entities are advised to pay special attention to business relationships and transactions with the DPRK, including DPRK companies, financial institutions and persons or entities acting on their behalf.

Reporting entities should be aware that the imposition of counter-measures on DPRK may differ from country to country and that such counter-measures may have implications for reporting entities in Guyana transacting business with the DPRK.

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*Category (II) - Jurisdictions subject to a FATF call on its members and other jurisdictions to apply enhanced due diligence measures proportionate to the risks arising from the jurisdiction(s)*

- **Iran**

Reporting entities are advised to continue to apply enhanced due diligence to business relationships and transactions with natural and legal persons from Iran, consistent with FATF Recommendation 19.

Reporting entities should be aware that the application of enhanced due diligence may differ from country to country and that such measures may have implications for reporting entities in Guyana transacting business with Iran.

A copy of the updated FATF statement of June 29, 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 No. 13 of 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 reasonable grounds for suspicion exist.

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