

## Information Note<sup>1</sup>

**Event:** APG Workshop on Applying FATF Standards to Combat the Financing of Proliferation of WMD

**Organizer:** Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) Secretariat and Bank Negara Malaysia

**Date and Venue:** 9-11 March 2016, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**Participants:** More than 60 participants from Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China and Macao China, Cook Islands, Fiji, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vanuatu, and Viet Nam

*Speakers and Facilitators:* APG Secretariat, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit, U.S. Department of State and U.S. Treasury, Norwegian Police Security Service, Monetary Authority of Singapore, UNSC DPRK Sanctions Committee Panel of Experts and 1540 Committee Group of Experts

### 1. Background

- Resolution 1540 (2004) Operative Paragraph 2 decided that “all States, in accordance with their national procedures, shall adopt and enforce appropriate effective laws which prohibit any non-State actor to manufacture, acquire, possess, develop, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery, in particular for terrorist purposes, as well as attempts to engage in any of the foregoing activities, participate in them as an accomplice, assist or finance them;
- Resolution 1977 (2011) reiterated the need for States to take all appropriate national measures to prevent proliferation financing, and decides that the 1540 Committee shall continue to intensify its efforts to promote the full implementation by all States of resolution 1540 (2004) to address in particular all aspects of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of that resolution, which encompasses national export and trans-shipment controls including controls on providing funds and services such as financing to such exports and trans-shipments;
- On 2 February 2016, Mr. Gordon Hook, Executive Secretary, APG, extended an invitation to the Chair of the Committee requesting a representative of the Group of Experts of the Committee to participate in the workshop. The aim of the workshop was to ensure that APG member jurisdictions understand the importance of effective implementation of legal and institutional frameworks/mechanisms to implement targeted

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financial sanctions against the proliferation of WMD as well as other measures to combat proliferation financing as required by resolution 1540 (2004).

## 2. **Highlights**

The workshop included more than 60 participants from APG member jurisdictions. It provided a platform for the participants to gain a more detailed understanding of the requirements of FATF recommendations 2, 5, 7 and to take steps to strengthen effective implementation of legal and institutional frameworks/mechanisms to combat financing of the proliferation of WMD, including related targeted financial sanctions back to their individual jurisdictions. Throughout the course, regional colleagues shared experiences on developing plans for national-level actions to combat proliferation financing. The FATF standards on proliferation financing were fully discussed and understood which will bring some positive effects in the future actions taken by the participating jurisdictions.

## 3. **Additional comments**

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