

Information Note¹

- Event:** The Second APG Workshop on Effective Implementation of International Standards to Combat the Financing of Proliferation of WMD
- Organizer:** Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) Secretariat and Korea Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)
- Date and Venue:** 23-26 August, 2016, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- Participants:** *States:* Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, China, Kyrgyz Republic, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Myanmar, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Nepal, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russia, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tonga and Viet Nam
- International/regional organisations and FATF-Style Regional Bodies:* Gulf Cooperation Commission (GCC), Eurasian Group (EAG) and West Africa Money Laundering Group (GIABA)
- Speakers and Facilitators:* APG Secretariat, Chair of the FATF Policy Development Group (Russia), Kings College (London), the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), U.S. Department of State and U.S. Treasury, UNODC, UNSC DPRK Sanctions Committee Panel of Experts and 1540 Committee Group of Experts

Background

- Resolution 1540 (2004) Operative Paragraph 2 decides that all States shall adopt and enforce appropriate effective laws to prohibit any non-State actor to finance the activities related to manufacture, acquire, possess, develop, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery. Operative Paragraph 3(d) decides that all States shall establish appropriate effective national controls on providing funds and services related to export of WMD related materials, including financing service. It also requires States to establish and enforce appropriate criminal or civil penalties for violations.
- The 1st APG Workshop on Applying FATF Standards to Combat Proliferation Financing was held from 9 to 11 March 2016 in Malaysia. Nearly 60 participants from APG jurisdictions attended the workshop. A 1540 Expert also participated in this workshop. It provided a platform for the participants to understand in detail the requirements of FATF recommendations on proliferation and to take steps to strengthen legal and institutional frameworks/mechanisms to combat proliferation financing.
- On 12 July 2016, the APG extended an invitation to the Chair of the 1540 Committee requesting a representative its Group of Experts to participate, present and facilitate in the Second APG Workshop on Effective Implementation of International Standards to Combat the Financing of Proliferation of WMD.

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- The focus of the workshop was on strategies to support effective implementation of FATF and UN standards to combat WMD proliferation financing. The agenda had a dual focus: jurisdiction-level considerations for implementing relevant FATF and UN standards; and regional and international policy and coordination issues related to supporting and assessing the implementation of the international standards to combat proliferation financing.

Highlights

The workshop was a follow-up event after the 1st APG workshop in March 2016 held in Malaysia. The workshop included more than 70 participants from APG member jurisdictions and focused on strategies to support effective implementation of FATF and UN standards to combat WMD proliferation financing (PF). Two FATF-Style Regional Bodies participated to learn and share experiences in the area of proliferation financing. A selected group of private sector representatives were also invited to participate and to give their opinions and suggestions on challenges and ways forward. Participants shared experiences on developing plans for national-level actions to combat proliferation financing. The UN and FATF standards on PF were fully discussed and understood which will result in future actions being taken by the participating jurisdictions.

Additional comments

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