



FATF STATEMENT ON IRAN

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The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is concerned that the Islamic Republic of Iran's lack of a comprehensive anti-money laundering / combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) regime represents a significant vulnerability within the international financial system. FATF calls upon Iran to address on an urgent basis its AML/CFT deficiencies, including those identified in the 2006 International Monetary Fund Article IV Consultation Report for Iran.

FATF members are advising their financial institutions to take the risk arising from the deficiencies in Iran's AML/CFT regime into account for enhanced due diligence.

FATF looks forward to engaging with Iran to address these deficiencies.

Notes:

1. For further information, journalists are invited to contact Mr. Rick McDonnell, Executive Secretary, FATF (email: contact@fatf-gafi.org).
2. The FATF is an inter-governmental body whose purpose is the development and promotion of policies, both at national and international levels, to combat money laundering and terrorist financing. The FATF Secretariat is housed at the OECD.
3. The thirty-four members of the FATF are: Argentina; Australia; Austria; Belgium; Brazil; Canada; China; Denmark; the European Commission; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; the Gulf Co-operation Council; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; Ireland; Italy; Japan; Luxembourg; Mexico; the Kingdom of the Netherlands; New Zealand; Norway; Portugal; the Russian Federation; Singapore; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; the United Kingdom; and the United States.
4. India and the Republic of Korea are observer countries. The Asia Pacific Group on money laundering (APG)¹, the Grupo de Acción Financiera de Sudamérica (GAFISUD)², the Middle East and North Africa Financial Action Task Force (MENAFATF)³ and the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures (MONEYVAL)⁴ are Associate Members.
5. The global network that is committed to combating money laundering and terrorist financing also includes four other regional bodies: the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF)⁵, the Eastern and South African Anti Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)⁶, the Eurasian Group on combating money laundering and financing of terrorism (EAG)⁷ and the Groupe Intergouvernemental d'Action contre le Blanchiment en Afrique (GIABA)⁸. The Offshore Group of Banking Supervisors (OGBS)⁹ is a part of this network as well.

1 www.apgml.org

2 www.gafisud.org

3 www.menafatf.org

4 www.coe.int/moneyval

5 www.cfatf.org

6 www.esaamlg.org

7 www.eurasiangroup.org

8 www.giaba-westafrica.org

9 www.ogbs.net