

**ENGAGING PARLIAMENTARIANS
IN STRENGTHENING GLOBAL
ANTI MONEY LAUNDERING EFFORTS**

**ANTI MONEY LAUNDERING TASK FORCE MEETING
Château de la Muette (OECD Headquarters) Paris France
SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2010**

REPORT

Participants:

AML GTF Members:

- Roy Cullen (Lead, AML GTF; former parliamentarian, Canada)
- Najib Boulif (Member, House of Representatives, Morocco)
- Ricardo García Cervantes (Senator, Vice President Senate, Mexico)
- Fernando Pérez Noriega (former parliamentarian, Mexico)

Experts:

- Rick McDonnell, Executive Secretary, Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- Antonio Hyman-Bouchereau, Senior Counsel, Legal Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Jean Pesme, Financial, Manager, Market Integrity, World Bank
- Jaganathan (Jaggy) Saravanasamy, Crime Intelligence Officer Financial and High Tech Crime Sub-Directorate, INTERPOL
- Michiel Van Dyk, Anti Money Laundering Advisor, Global Programme against Money Laundering, Proceeds of Crime and the Financing of Terrorism, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

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- Irina Koulatchenko, AML GTF Secretary

Annex A: Detailed Agenda

Annex B: Table of Contents for Action Guide for Parliamentarians on Combating the Laundering of Corrupt Money

Workshop Overview:

The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) is committed to combating the laundering of corrupt money, and to repatriating stolen assets, both as integral components in its fight for good governance and corrupt-free governments. In that regard, an Anti-Money Laundering Global Task Force (AML GTF) was established by GOPAC to lead and coordinate GOPAC's efforts in these areas.

The Anti-Money Laundering Global Task Force met at OECD headquarters in Paris, France (hosted by the FATF Secretariat) on September 29-30, 2010 to launch a major effort to develop tools, techniques and materials to assist parliamentarians around the world establish and monitor effective anti-money laundering regimes in their respective jurisdictions.

The two-day workshop (see **Annex A** for detailed agenda) included information sessions to help orient the AML GTF members on anti-money laundering and stolen asset recovery initiatives, so that task force members are equipped to guide GOPAC's anti-money laundering efforts. The round table discussion also assisted in the development of practical approaches for task force members to work with regional parliamentary colleagues and expert organizations to more effectively engage parliamentarians in the strengthening of AML regimes both nationally and internationally.

Intended General Objectives:

The objectives of the meeting were to:

- Engage parliamentarians from around the world in the anti-money laundering (AML) agenda, by developing a better understanding of how money laundering occurs and by launching an international parliamentary initiative – complimenting the FATF regime and the UNCAC - to combat it;
- Increase knowledge of anti-money laundering initiatives and develop an approach for parliamentarians to strengthen and extend the anti money laundering regime globally;
- Discuss tools, methodologies and supporting materials required for parliamentarians to better promote the prevention and detection of money laundering;
- Build political support to effectively implement practical mechanisms to combat money laundering.

Intended Specific Objectives

- Orient the GOPAC AML Global Task Force (GTF) on recent related AML and GOPAC developments;
- Develop practical approaches for Task Force members to work with regional parliamentary colleagues and expert organizations to more effectively engage parliamentarians in the strengthening of anti money laundering regimes both nationally and internationally, including launching, where possible, regional focus groups to get baseline information and develop action plans;
- Update actions that the GOPAC AML GTF should pursue based on the list of potential activities developed by the GOPAC Secretariat.

Achieved outputs

At the end of the Workshop there were the following outputs:

- An increased level of knowledge and capacity for parliamentarians that may be utilized to support AML initiatives in particular countries or regions;
- Agreement to produce an Action Guide for parliamentarians on combating the laundering of corrupt money. The date targeted for the completion of a draft Action Guide is February 2011 – to coincide with GOPAC's Global Conference in Mexico City;
- A detailed table of contents for the Action Guide for Parliamentarians on AML, and an outline of several chapters (see **Annex B** for details) that reflects the comments and advice provided by task force members and presenters at the September 29/30 Paris meeting;
- An updated approach to the important role parliaments can play in strengthening anti-money laundering regimes and the implementation of the FATF 40+9 standards;

- A strengthened working partnership with expert agencies.

Cooperation with Expert Agencies

Expert agencies that took part in the workshop were: i) the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime (UNODC); ii) the International Monetary Fund (IMF); iii) the World Bank; iv) the Financial Action Task Force (FATF); and INTERPOL. A representative from each organization delivered a presentation that was followed by a discussion with GOPAC task force members. All the experts actively participated in the full two-day program as presenters, observers and discussants. During the latter part of the meeting, they served as an important information resource to GOPAC task force members, in particular about the design and delivery of an anti-money laundering Action Guide.

Future Actions

All the expert agencies have re-affirmed their strong interest in continuing and strengthening cooperation with GOPAC. They all expressed interest in participating in the next GOPAC Global conference (scheduled to take place in Mexico in February 2011).

All Task Force members present and the representatives of the expert agencies supported the development of an Action Guide for parliamentarians, suggesting that while it should comprehensively cover all relevant aspects of combating money laundering, *it should focus on the role of parliamentarians* in this fight. All the representatives of the participating expert agencies volunteered to provide their expertise in reviewing the Action Guide in its different progress stages. They also offered to contribute by drafting various sections of the Action Guide, subject to review and revision by the Task Force members and Secretariat. All the AML GTF members will contribute to writing and reviewing the handbook. The draft of the Action Guide is scheduled to be launched in February 2011 at the GOPAC Global conference.

All the materials used in the workshop and supplied as a follow up by the expert agencies will be distributed to the AML GTF members and (pending permission from the expert agencies) published on the GOPAC website, to serve as references for the entire GOPAC membership.