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The Fight Against Money Laundering

Why is the fight against money laundering so important?

- Size and scope of money laundering
- Motivation for laundering money pre and post terrorists activities, drug money, corrupt money, tax evasion
- Corruption and money laundering threats to international security
- proceeds of crime

Why is the fight against money laundering so important?

- Linkage of money laundering with corruption
- Role of offshore banking centers
- Domestic and exported laundered money
- Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC)

Policy and Legislative Design

- Must be tailored to specific needs of each jurisdiction
- Financial intelligence is essential to detect and deter money laundering and terrorist financing
- International standards set by Financial Action Task Force (F.A.T.F.)
- F.A.T.F. sets AML standards
 - 40 Recommendations on Money Laundering
 - 9 Special Recommendations on Terrorist Financing

Policy and Legislative Design

- Regular mutual evaluation exercises assess compliance
- Setting a big net
- Privacy issues
- Defining 'suspicious transactions'
- Solicitor/client privilege
- Financial intermediaries

Policy and Legislative Design

- Monetary instruments
- Onus burden of proof re: seizures
- Telegraphic transfers and internet banking
- Domestic/offshore money laundering
- Asset recovery

Organization structures

- Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)
- Department/agency
- Responsible Minister
- Agency independence
- Need for rules, regulations and guidelines especially for financial intermediaries



Political will

- Adequate resources for competent agencies
- The role of parliamentarians and parliamentary committees
- GOPAC anti-money laundering initiatives
- Inter-agency and international cooperation
- Awareness training

Implementation

- Financial resources
- Risk management
- Transparency & accountability
- Financial sector -'know your customer'
- Reporting compliance by financial intermediaries





- Canada's Financial Intelligence Unit
 - Collecting, analyzing and disclosing financial intelligence
- Legislation
 - Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act
 - Client ID, Record Keeping and Reporting
 - Cross-Border Movement of Currency and Monetary Instruments
 - Terrorist Listing