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Dear Mr Cullen,

Thank you for your kind invitation to participate in the Anti-Money Laundering Training Seminar for Parliamentarians being held by GOPAC and the APNAC on 21st September, in Tanzania. Thank you also for your letter of 30th July seeking FATF Observer status for the GOPAC.

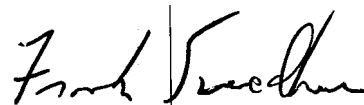
The effect of money laundering associated with corruption is an important issue on which the FATF is focusing its efforts. You may be aware that the FATF has embarked on a joint project with the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering, along with representatives of other organisations, conducting a comprehensive study of the links between corruption and money laundering. This study will be used to develop future strategies, guidance, training or other required measures. In addition, corruption issues will be incorporated more specifically into the FATF assessments of countries' anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing systems.

Unfortunately, I will not be available to participate in the Anti-Money Laundering Training Seminar for Parliamentarians due to other commitments at that time, however Mr. Murray Michell will represent the FATF in this event. Mr. Michell is the Director of the Financial Intelligence Centre of South Africa, the Head of the South African delegation to the FATF and a member of the FATF Steering Group. Mr. Michell can be contacted via telephone + 27 21 4434503 or email murray.michell@fic.gov.za.

I welcome your request for GOPAC to obtain Observer status in the FATF. The FATF currently has a policy to accept only inter-governmental organizations as Observers. However, the FATF is currently reviewing its membership policies, including that relating to Observers. Your request will therefore be examined in the context of this review, which is due to conclude in June 2008. At that time, we will be able to provide a more concrete response to your request.

I look forward to a productive relationship between GOPAC and the FATF.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Swedlove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "F".

Frank Swedlove
FATF President

cc: Murray Michell, FIC, South Africa