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REPORT OF THE LEA-FIU INTEGRATION/INTERACTION SUB WORKING GROUP

Conclusions and Recommendations of the Sub-Working Groups of the Expert Group on Money Laundering  
Control  
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Integration/Interaction Subgroup

Conclusions

- We reviewed the reports of progress achieved by the subgroup, according to the schedule specified above. In this context, there was a report on the status of progress in the generation of a document referred to the principles and best practices in the exchange and use of information between FIU and LEA. Besides, a presentation was made on analysis of risk factors associated with money laundering and terrorist financing, in order to encourage and initiate the discussion of a document of recommendations in this area.
- The coordination of the subgroup started with a recapitulation of the contributions of many delegations, mainly those related to the generation of a document of principles and good practices in the information exchange between FIU and LEA. This was carried out in order to clarify how the work was being addressed, urging delegations to greater participation, including LEA of their respective countries.
- It was established that we will work based on two different documents, one referring to the principles that should be applicable to this matter, and the other regarding best practices. The delegations should clearly articulate, in their future contributions, regarding which documents are being made contributions. We emphasized that these are the working documents and not others (model regulations or policy guidance).
- Following the new working methodology agreed in Costa Rica, we analyzed and discussed how should be used and protected the information provided by the FIU to the LEA. On the other hand, considering the interest shown by some delegations, we agreed to work in parallel on a comparative study of legislation in this area.
- In addition, in order to comply with the work plan set in Caracacas, there was a presentation on how Chile is working in order to identify risks relating to money laundering and terrorist financing.
- Finally, we agreed the following plan of work for the projects in which the subgroup is working.

Work plan

- A. - The month of July of the present year was set as the deadline for the Executive Secretariat and the Coordination of the Subgroup to receive comments and contributions from the different delegations, referring to the document of principles in different countries, encouraging the participation of the LEA. The Coordination of the Subgroup in conjunction with the Executive Secretariat must submit to the meeting of September the contributions made by various delegations, in order to agree a final document.

B. - Elaboration of a comparative study of legislation among countries referred to the legislation that establishes and governs the information exchange between FIU/LEA.

In this context, the Coordination of the Subgroup will produce, in conjunction with the Executive Secretariat, a survey in English and Spanish that permits to compile the necessary information for the elaboration of a comparative study of legislation, setting as the deadline June 30 to send the survey which should be answered by delegations before July 30, presenting the first results at the next meeting in September.

C. - Based on the presentation made on analysis of risk factors associated with money laundering and terrorist financing at the hemispheric level, delegations were urged to make the contributions they consider necessary in the preparation of a first document of recommendations in this area, establishing a deadline for contributions on July 30, 2012, in order that the Coordination of the Subgroup to draw up a draft for the next meeting in September.