



Brussels, 5 July 2010

Summary minutes

**26th meeting of the Committee on the Prevention of Money Laundering
and Terrorist Financing
15 June 2010**

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The agenda was adopted without comments. The minutes of the March meeting will be adopted by written procedure.

2. MEMBER STATES IMPLEMENTATION OF EU RULES

(1) Update on the transposition of the 3rd Anti-Money laundering Directive.

FR informed the Committee that the last decree to be adopted, which concerns the threshold for cash payments, is due to be adopted within 2 months.

(2) Update on implementation of Article 17 of Regulation 1781/2006 – France, Denmark.

On 4 May 2010 the Commission took the decision to authorise France to conclude an agreement with Monaco aimed at treating transfers of funds between France and Monaco as transfers of funds within France, pursuant to Regulation 1781/2006. **DK** informed the Committee on progress achieved in relation with Greenland and the Faroe islands.

(3) Study on the application of the AML Directive

The Chairman updated the Committee on the timeline for the study on the application of the AMLD. He confirmed that the Commission services are expecting the final study to be ready by end 2010.

3. PREPARATION AND COORDINATION OF THE NEXT FATF PLENARY MEETING (AMSTERDAM 21 – 25 JUNE 2010)

(1) Special Recommendation IX

The Committee discussed the need to exchange information on cash controls. The Committee heard a presentation by the Commission on the exchange of information using MAB (Mutual Assistance Broker) system. The system is available as of 15 June 2010. Its objective is to optimise exchange of information between customs authorities and others authorities.

(2) Non-cooperative and high risk jurisdictions

The Chairman recalled that the FATF issued on 18 February 2010 a list of eight non-cooperative and high-risk jurisdictions (Iran, Angola, the Democratic People's

Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, and Sao Tome and Principe). Member States exchanged views about their follow up to the FATF's public statement. Circular letters, publications of the public statements and public warnings on the national websites were mentioned amongst the follow ups.

(3) Proliferation finance

The Commission services recalled the adoption by the FATF's Plenary in February 2010 of a report ("*Combating Proliferation Financing: A Status Report on Policy Development and Consultation*"). Committee members had a first exchange of views on this report. Their will be a more extended discussion at the October 2010 CPMLTF meeting.

(4) Preparation of the FATF 4th round

The Commission services reported that the FATF had entrusted two expert groups with the task of making proposals as to what could be a future review of the global standards. The Committee was debriefed about the ongoing work of the 2 expert groups. Members were encouraged to follow this work very closely taking into account the impact of this review on possible future legislative changes at EU level.

(5) Cover payments and Special Recommendation VII

The Committee discussed the state of play.

(6) Tax amnesty/ asset repatriation schemes

The Chairman recalled the ongoing discussions at FATF level and, in particular, the draft basic principles which could apply to future voluntary tax compliance regimes.

(7) Mutual evaluations

The Committee was debriefed on the state of play of various follow up reports (Greece, Luxembourg and Austria).

4. 3RD COUNTRY EQUIVALENCE
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Members discussed 3rd country equivalence under the 3rd AML Directive. It was agreed to submit the updated Common Understanding for adoption through written procedure.

5. SUPERVISION AND REPORTING IN CROSS-BORDER SITUATIONS
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The Committee continued its discussions on supervision and reporting in cross-border situations. In order to focus the discussion, both the Commission services as well as some delegations had produced non-papers on the issue. Members underlined the importance of having a clear line on how best to mitigate the risk of ML/TF in cases where a payment institution in Member State A has an agent (or agents) in Member State B. The Committee discussed possible solutions and agreed to continue this discussion at the next CPMLTF meeting.

6. DEBRIEFINGS/UPDATES

The Committee heard a presentation on a DG JLS funded project "*The Economic and Legal Effectiveness of Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Terrorist Financing Policy*"

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the CPMLTF is scheduled to take place on 6 October 2010 (date to be confirmed).