

22nd EAG PLENARY MEETING

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A. *General Information on EAG Plenary Meeting*

The Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG) had its 22nd Plenary meeting and meetings of Working Groups in Tashkent (Republic of Uzbekistan) from 18 to 22 May 2015.

The event was attended by delegations of EAG member states: Belarus, India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, as well as representatives of the EAG observer states and organizations Italy, Poland, Turkey, the USA, Montenegro, France, the FATF, MENAFATF, the Anti-Terrorist Center of the Commonwealth of Independent States (ATC CIS), the Eurasian Development Bank (EDB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), as well as Iran which was invited by the Plenary.

The EAG Chairman Mr. Ajay Tyagi chaired the Plenary Session.

Welcome speech was delivered by Mr. Ihtiyor Abdullaev the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Mr. Rajiv Mehrishi the Finance Secretary of the Government of India to the EAG Plenary meeting.

B. *The Most Important Issues of the Plenary Session*

The Plenary approved the EAG Strategic Plan for 2015-2018, Annual report of EAG for 2014, EAG Calendar for the second half of 2015, the Action plan of the Working Group on Mutual Evaluations and Legal Issues (WGEL). The Plenary approved co-chairs for WGCF and WGEL, as well as WGEL and WGTA mandates.

The Plenary urges the member-states to intensify the efforts to combat the financing of the terrorist organization ISIL, as well as rapid implementation of the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.

C. *Future Activities of the EAG*

The Plenary meeting discussed granting observer status to the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Plenary has decided to provide assistance of the EAG to Iran if necessary and approved on future involvement of Iran in the Plenary sessions as a specially invited participant.

D. *Cooperation with International and Regional Organizations, which are the EAG Partners*

The Plenary has withdrawn from the EAG observers list the Eurasian Economic Community (EAEC), due to its liquidation from January, 1 2015.

E. *The EAG Member States AML/CFT Statuses*

Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan provided information on the steps taken on the development of the national AML/CFT legislation.

Belarus, India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan presented information on the National Risk Assessment and Methodology.

Republic of Belarus

The Plenary noted the progress made by the Republic of Belarus on key and core recommendation R.5, R.10, R.13, R.23, SR.II, SR.IV, as well as on a number of other recommendations.

At the same time, Republic of Belarus needs to continue to address the deficiencies on SR.III and SR.V.

Republic of Belarus shall provide its next follow-up report of the national AML/CFT regime at the 23rd EAG Plenary Meeting in the framework of enhanced monitoring procedure.

Voluntary Tax Compliance (VTC) programs

The Plenary considered the additional information of voluntary tax compliance program in the Republic of Kazakhstan. The analysis of the program, performed by the EAG Secretariat has not identified any non-compliance with the Four Basic Principles set out by FATF for national VTC programs.

The Secretariat will continue to monitor the situation in the Republic of Kazakhstan and conduct further review if any additional information is received.

F. Other

The consultations with the EAG private sector «Risks Assessment and Private Sector role. Guiding principles and Feedback» took place in the course of the Plenary week, where the representatives of the private sector of the EAG member-states participated.

The Plenary expressed gratitude to the Republic of Uzbekistan for the warm hospitality and excellent organization of the 22nd EAG Plenary and Working group Meetings.

23rd EAG Plenary Meeting will take place in November 2015, in Moscow, Russian Federation.