

**PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE EURASIAN GROUP ON COMBATING MONEY LAUNDERING AND
FINANCING OF TERRORISM
AND THE COUNCIL OF THE HEADS OF FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNITS OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES**

The Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG) and the Council of the Heads of Financial Intelligence Units of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CHFIU), hereinafter the Parties,

taking due account of the risks posed by the actions on laundering (legalization) of the proceeds from crime and financing of terrorism;

attaching great importance to the development of cooperation and seeking to coordinate joint efforts in the area of combating laundering of the proceeds from crime and financing of terrorism (AML/CFT),

being guided by the goals and objectives of the EAG and the CHFIU;

taking into account founding documents of the EAG and the CHFIU, agreements and other documents currently operating within the EAG and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS); as well as the AML/CFT international standards;

have agreed on the following:

**Article 1
Principles of Cooperation**

Cooperation between the Parties according to this Protocol is carried out on the basis of equality and reciprocity principle, and without prejudice to any of the EAG member-states' and the countries-members of the CIS obligations with regard to fulfillment of their national legislation and of international commitments.

**Article 2
Areas of Cooperation**

The Parties shall act within their scope of authority to cooperate in the AML/CFT issues.

The Parties shall seek to establish sustainable cooperation between financial intelligence units of the EAG and the CHFIU member-states in AML/CFT.

**Article 3
Forms of Cooperation**

Cooperation between the Parties according to the current Protocol shall take the following forms:

exchange of information on AML/CFT issues;

establishment and functioning of joint working groups on AML/CFT issues;



sharing experience and training of staff on AML/CFT issues, including through holding conferences, seminars and joint activities;

exchange of legal and other regulatory acts of the EAG member-states and the countries-members of the CIS , as well as of materials related to the practice of their enforcement, and methodological recommendations on AML/CFT issues;

provision of advisory assistance on AML/CFT issues.

development of preventative and other forms of cooperation in the AML/CFT area to decrease the level of ML/TF risks.

Coordination of cooperation in the AML/CFT area under this Protocol is carried out through authorized representatives of the Parties, which are the EAG Secretariat and the CHFIU Secretariat.

This Protocol is not intended to interfere with the Parties' intentions to engage in other mutually acceptable forms of cooperation.

Article 4

Exchange of Information

The Parties, on the basis of mutual agreements and within the scope of their authority, exchange information on matters of cooperation defined in Article 2 of this Agreement pursuant to the requirements of the applicable national regulations and international obligations of the EAG member-states and the countries-members of the CIS.

Parties shall protect confidential information obtained in the course of their cooperation Protocol. Parties should refrain from disclosing information to any third party without written consent of the other Party.

The working language to be used for the purposes of cooperation and information exchange is Russian language and when necessary English language.

Article 5

Joint Activities

The Parties shall by mutual agreement engage in joint activities with the goal of promoting cooperation in areas within their competence.

The Parties may, subject to mutual agreement, invite representatives of the financial intelligence units, law enforcement and other competent authorities of their countries, as well as international and regional organizations and associations, to participate in the joint activities as observers.

Article 6
Final Provisions

The Parties may, subject to mutual agreement, amend or supplement this Protocol by executing a separate protocol, to be signed by the Chairmen of the EAG and the Chairmen of the CHFIU, constituting an integral part of this Protocol.

The Parties shall comply with the provisions of this Protocol in accordance with the founding documents governing the activities of the EAG and the CHFIU.

This Protocol is signed for an indefinite period and shall enter into force upon its signature.

Any of the Parties may terminate this Protocol upon sending official notification indicating its intention to terminate it.

This Protocol is considered terminated upon receipt of thirty-day' notice in writing to the other Party.

This Protocol does not create legal obligations to any of the Parties.

Signed at New Delhi, Republic of India, November 11th, 2016 in two originals each in the Russian and English languages, all copies being equally authentic. The originals are to be stored with the EAG Secretariat and the CIS Executive Committee.

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