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EAG strategic plan for 2015-2018 is a medium-term plan that should ensure the EAG mission and the achievement of its strategic goals.

This plan determines medium-term goals and activities of EAG as a FATF-style regional body for that period.

This plan preserves the continuity of EAG strategic line for the period till 2015 and is designed with regard to new priorities.

On the basis of the Agreement on the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism the Plan defines the overall strategic concept of the EAG activities and includes:

- Strategic goals to be achieved to ensure EAG mission;
- Main activities that represent ways of achieving the goals;
- Expected results that will improve security of financial systems of the Eurasian region and strengthen EAG authority.

The plan is a <u>policy document</u> for the Group member countries that is to be completed through the implementation of specific actions set by the EAG Plenary meeting in annual EAG work plans.

Main activities can be adjusted depending on political and economic situation changes, as well as in case of new global and regional challenges and threats.

To implement the plan the following resources are to be used:

- financial EAG budget, as well as budgetary funds of member states and donor contributions for conducting EAG events and joint EAG-donors measures;
- personnel EAG Secretariat, EAG working bodies, experts from EAG member states and observers.

The EAG mission is set in the Agreement on Eurasian Group as follows:

Ensuring regional financial security within the global system for combating money laundering and terrorist financing

For the period of 2015-2018 the EAG formulates the following strategic goals:

STARTEGIC GOALS

- 1. Participation in the global AML/CFT network
- 2. Strengthening the EAG potential as a regional organization
- 3. Valuation of compliance of member countries with international AML/CFT standards
- 4. Assistance to member countries in the implementation of AML/CFT standards

The EAG activities are aimed at strengthening the Group's position due to the joint potential of member states, improvement of efficiency of interaction at the regional level, and further integration into international the AML/CFT system.

The EAG as a FATF-style regional body (FSRB) acts as a conductor of international AML/FT standards in the Eurasian region. On the other hand, being a FATF associate member the EAG forms a common position of member states and represents it in the FATF.

Promotion of EAG initiatives in the FATF requires active participation of member states in these activities.

Another important activity should include strengthening of horizontal links with other FSRBs in order to develop common approaches to current issues, exchange the best practices, undertake joint activities and constructive dialogue, which shall facilitate the creation of the unified interregional approach to AML/FT priority issues.

Conducting the 2nd round of mutual evaluations of national systems on the basis of the FATF procedures is important. Member state should take reasonable measure to identify and eliminate strategic deficiencies of national systems identified during the mutual evaluations.

Ensuring sustainable result is possible provided adequate budget and resource support of EAG and member state activities.

Active position of the Group member states will lead to the improvement of EAG capabilities and creation of the unified AML/CFT regional policy.

National risks assessment allowing to identify and evaluate the sources and methods of money laundering and terrorist financing as well as strategic deficiencies of AML/CFT system is particularly important for the development of the AML/CFT policy and efficient distribution of resources.

Additional capabilities of member states and technical assistance of observers will be used to achieve the set goals.

Strategic goal 1	Activity	Tasks to implement
Participation in the global AML/CFT network	 Active participation of EAG and its member states in the FATF activities through associated membership status. Strengthening horizontal links with FATF-style regional bodies. Support of EAG members' engagement with global AML/CFT programs and compliance processes. Maintaining effective communication and relationships with stakeholders to improve their awareness of and participation in the EAG. 	 Strengthening of EAG position as FATF associate member. Creation of the unified interregional approach to AML/FT priority issues. Strengthening of EAG member states positions in the international financial system.

Strategic goal 2	Activity	Tasks to implement
Strengthening of EAG potential as a regional organization	 Supporting effective governance structures, including the Plenary meeting, Consultative meeting and Co-chairs. Participation in the work of EAG through committing adequate resources for plenary meetings, working groups and other EAG events and for Secretariat. Development of EAG information space and communications. Efficient coordination and interaction with international organizations of the Eurasian region. 	 Creation of unified AML/ CFT regional policy. Increased efficiency of the EAG member states in achieving EAG goals.

Strategic goal 3	Activity	Tasks to implement
Evaluation of compliance of EAG member states with international AML/CFT standards	 Conducting the EAG's second round of mutual evaluations starting in 2016. Providing assessment training for EAG evaluators and EAG member countries undergoing evaluation. Maintaining mechanisms, including follow-up procedures and strategic implementation planning, monitoring action taken in response to the recommendations in their mutual evaluation reports. Assistance in conducting national risk assessments. 	 Improvement of AML/CFT national systems efficiency on the basis of risk-based approach. Increased level of AML/CFT national systems compliance with international standards.

Strategic goal 4	Activity	Tasks to implement
Technical assistance to member states in the implementation of AML/CFT standards	 Supporting the participations of donors in the WGTA and other mechanisms to assist member countries to implement the international AML/CFT standards, including consultations and seminars. Identifying and supporting private and academic sector engagement in the AML/CFT implementation assistance. Identifying priority AML/CFT 	 Creation of unified AML/ CFT regional policy Increased expertise of personnel of national AML/CFT bodies
	typologies issues, conducting typologies research for dissemination of typologies information in order to improve the expertise of the national AML CFT bodies' personnel.	