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## OSCE support to Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism in Uzbekistan

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## Milestones of co-operation between the OSCE and Government of Uzbekistan

### **28 February 2008 FATF Statement**

(...) "The FATF calls upon Uzbekistan to restore its AML/CFT regime and to work with the Eurasian Group to establish an AML/CFT regime that meets international standards. The FATF calls on its members and urges all jurisdictions to advise their financial institutions to take the risk arising from the deficiencies in Uzbekistan's AML/CFT regime into account for enhanced due diligence."

### **Summer 2008**

PCUz/EED starts negotiations with the government structures involved in AML/CFT implementation

### **25 February 2009 FATF Statement**

"The FATF welcomes the process undertaken by Uzbekistan to adopt comprehensive AML/CFT measures within a specific timeframe. Nevertheless, given that concrete measures to address the identified deficiencies have not yet been implemented, the FATF reiterates its statement of 16 October 2008, calling on its members and urging all jurisdictions to strengthen preventive measures to protect their financial sectors from the ML/FT risk emanating from Uzbekistan."

## Milestones of co-operation between the OSCE and Government of Uzbekistan

### **17 March 2009**

Project Agreement between PCUz and host government

### **22 April 2009**

The AML/CFT Law come into force

### **June to December 2009**

PCUz project work in AML/CFT sector: capacity building, international expertise, training course in Germany and technical support

### **18 February 2010 FATF Public Statement**

Uzbekistan no longer mentioned as non-complying country

### **February to December 2010**

Continuous support to AML/CFT structures: capacity building, best practice exchange with Canadian AML/CFT structures, development of the suspicious transactions monitoring software for the commercial banks in the country

## Milestones of co-operation between the OSCE and Government of Uzbekistan

### **22 September 2010, Toronto, Canada**

Official application for membership in the Egmont Group at the Secretariat

### **December 2010-January 2011**

Official visit of sponsor Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) from Russian Federation and Serbia to Uzbekistan

### **15 July 2011, Yerevan, Armenia**

Accession of the FIU of Uzbekistan to the Egmont Group during the plenary meeting

### **August to December 2011**

PCUz project work in AML/CFT sector: Organization of high-level visit to Germany to exchange best practice on fighting against economic crimes; focused training for compliance officers within commercial banks on AML compliance, Know Your Customer (KYC) principles and Risk-assessment; training-seminar for non-banking financial institutions on AML compliance in co-operation with the Eurasian Group on combating money laundering and financing of terrorism (EAG)

## The PCUz approach in supporting host country

### **Comprehensive approach:**

- One objective: support to the host country to implement the FATF 40+9 Recommendations and to accede to the Egmont Group
- Close co-operation with the host country's institutions and providing a platform for their improved co-operation
- Tailor-made and timely programme
- Support of pS through ExB contributions and experts
- Co-ordination with other international actors and other field operations

## How to keep the programme successful and to even intensify its impact?

1. Continue and even enhance the close co-operation with OCEEA
2. OCEEA (in co-operation with the field operations) develops a broader, multi-year programme that supports enhanced capacity of governments to deal with AML/CFT:
  - Enhancing national risk assessment capabilities
  - Support to building FIU capacities to undertake effective investigations and analysis
  - Support to AML/CFT structures regulating the financial sector
3. Strengthening implementation of AML/CFT programmes through
  - Establishment of a common database on AML/CFT projects in OSCE field operations
  - Establishment of an expert database
  - Development of training programmes which could be applied regionally
  - OCEEA works with field operations and pS in identifying priority areas to which funds could be more generally pledged for subsequent allocation to field programmes
  - Increased awareness of pS delegations of AML/CFT work performed by field operations and subsequent willingness to facilitate best practice exchange
  - ExB contributions to supplement the UB objective of Good Governance programme

## Next stage of the PCUz AML/CFT programme

**Continuation of the support to the Uzbek AML/CFT regime through**

**Capacity building (advanced level)** for banking compliance officers on AML compliance, KYC and business ethics, best practice exchange in the OSCE region, focus on anti-corruption as predicate crime prior to money laundering

**Support to the improvement of legislation:** in consideration with updated FATF recommendations, support in drafting internal rules and regulations considering the risks from new payment methods



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