

**REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS COUNTER-TERRORISM
COMMITTEE FROM THE OFFSHORE GROUP OF BANKING
SUPERVISORS (OGBS)**

The following is an update of the reports submitted by OGBS to the Counter-Terrorism Committee in February and August 2003.

1. Information on counter-terrorism activity is obtained from OGBS members on an annual basis. A report compiled from information supplied by members for the OGBS Plenary meeting held in July 2003 in Mauritius, was sent to the Counter-Terrorism Committee in August, 2003. A further review of members' activities in combating the financing of terrorism will take place later this year, the results of which will be presented at the OGBS Plenary meeting which is to be held in September in Madrid immediately prior to the next International Conference of Banking Supervisors.
2. OGBS has endorsed the Revised FATF Forty Recommendations on Money Laundering and the Eight Special Recommendations on Combating the Financing of Terrorism.
3. OGBS participates actively in FATF working groups, and in particular the working group that prepared the Methodology for assessing compliance with the Forty plus Eight Recommendations, which Methodology was adopted by the FATF at its Plenary in February. The Methodology will be used for assessing the compliance of OGBS members.
4. OGBS will be joining with the FATF, the IMF/World Bank and the FATF style regional bodies of CFATF, APG, and ESAAMLG in

undertaking a programme of assessments of compliance with the Forty plus Eight Recommendations. Mutual evaluations of OGBS members will commence in late 2004/early 2005.

5. OGBS members have participated in FATF self-assessment exercises covering the Eight Special Recommendations on Combating the Financing of Terrorism.
6. To date three OGBS members have completed and submitted to the UNODC the UN Questionnaire on the nature of the links between terrorism and other forms of crime.
7. OGBS participated in the FATF Seminar on Combating the Financing of Terrorism held in Paris on the 24th February.

Colin Powell
Chairman

3rd March 2004