

## **Public Notice**

## FATF High-Risk/Other Monitored Jurisdictions and Public Statement on the Situation in Ukraine

Further to Section 6(3) of the Proceeds of Crime Act, 2018 and Section 13(1) of the Financial Transactions Reporting Act, 2018, supervised financial institutions ("SFIs") are reminded that the FATF designation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and Iran as <u>high-risk jurisdictions</u> remains in effect. In light of this, the IRF Steering Committee requires that SFIs apply enhanced due diligence measures to business relationships and transactions with these jurisdictions, including individuals, companies, financial institutions and those acting on their behalf.

Additionally, SFIs should take note of the jurisdictions under increased monitoring who are actively working with the FATF to address strategic deficiencies in their regimes to counter money laundering (ML), terrorist financing (TF), and proliferation financing (PF). SFIs should consider the associated ML/TF/PF risks associated with these jurisdictions when conducting transactions and maintaining business relationships.

Lastly, the FATF issued a <u>public statement on the situation in Ukraine</u> noting that "all jurisdictions should be vigilant to the possibility of emerging risks from circumvention of measures taken in order to protect the international financial system from the ML/TF/PF risks resulting from Russia's aggression against Ukraine".

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