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FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE [FATF] PUBLIC STATEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 21, 2020

As part of the on-going efforts to identify and work with jurisdictions with strategic AML/CFT deficiencies, the FATF plenary has released Public Statement on February 21, 2020 with regard to following:–

- a) High risk Jurisdictions subject to a call for action
- b) Jurisdictions under increased monitoring.

The link to these public sstatements on FATF is provided below:

- 1) <https://www.fatf-gafi.org/publications/fatfgeneral/documents/outcomes-fatf-plenary-february-2020.html>
- 2) <https://www.fatf-gafi.org/publications/high-risk-and-other-monitored-jurisdictions/documents/call-for-action-february-2020.html>
- 3) <https://www.fatf-gafi.org/publications/high-risk-and-other-monitored-jurisdictions/documents/increased-monitoring-february-2020.html>

- **Specific attention is brought to an extract from Public Statement on Iran as follows:**

"Now, given Iran's failure to enact the Palermo and Terrorist Financing Conventions in line with the FATF Standards, the FATF fully lifts the suspension of counter-measures and calls on its members and urges all jurisdictions to apply effective counter-measures, in line with Recommendation 19.[2] Iran will remain on the FATF statement on [High Risk Jurisdictions Subject to a Call for Action] until the full Action Plan has been completed. If Iran ratifies the Palermo and Terrorist Financing Conventions, in line with the FATF standards, the FATF will decide on next steps, including whether to suspend countermeasures. Until Iran implements the measures required to address the deficiencies identified with respect to countering terrorism-financing in the Action Plan, the FATF will remain concerned with the terrorist financing risk emanating from Iran and the threat this poses to the international financial system."



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Similarly, in case of DPRK, an extract from the Public Statement reads that:

"The FATF reaffirms its 25 February 2011 call on its members and urges all jurisdictions to advise their financial institutions to give special attention to business relationships and transactions with the DPRK, including DPRK companies, financial institutions, and those acting on their behalf. In addition to enhanced scrutiny, the FATF further calls on its members and urges all jurisdictions to apply effective counter-measures, and targeted financial sanctions in accordance with applicable United Nations Security Council Resolutions, to protect their financial sectors from money laundering, financing of terrorism and WMD proliferation financing (ML/TF/PF) risks emanating from the DPRK. Jurisdictions should take necessary measures to close existing branches, subsidiaries and representative offices of DPRK banks within their territories and terminate correspondent relationships with DPRK banks, where required by relevant UNSC resolutions"

DPs are advised to note the above and ensure compliance, as directed. DPs may also note that this does not preclude regulated entities from legitimate trade and business transactions with these countries and jurisdictions. For regular updates of FATF Public statements, DPs are advised to visit the Public Domain URL: <http://www.fatf-gafi.org>

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