



## GOPAC Global Task Force on Anti-Money Laundering (GTF-AML)

### Description:

GOPAC is committed to combating the laundering of corrupt money, and to repatriating stolen assets, both as integral components in its fight for corrupt-free governments. In that regard, a strengthened GTF-AML met at OECD headquarters in Paris, France (hosted by the FATF Secretariat) on September 29-30, 2010 to launch a major effort to develop tools, techniques and materials to assist parliamentarians around the world establish and monitor effective anti-money laundering regimes in their respective jurisdictions. Representatives of the FATF Secretariat, World Bank AML/StAR team, IMF, UNODC and INTERPOL briefed task force members on their activities and assisted GTF members in their deliberations. The September 2010 GTF meeting achieved a number of outputs, including: an Agreement to produce an **Action Guide for Parliamentarians on Combating the Laundering of Corrupt Money**; and a strengthened working partnership with expert agencies.<sup>1</sup> Work on the **Action Guide** and on an **AML Strategic Plan** for task force members to roll it out began as soon as possible after the September 2010 GTF meeting, so that drafts would be ready for review at the Global Conference.

The **Action Guide** is intended to be used by Parliamentarians: i) in countries where anti-money laundering legislation does not exist, to assist in the development of such legislation, in the design and implementation of a Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) and in establishing effective law enforcement and judicial regimes to combat this increasingly challenging criminal activity; ii) in countries where anti-money legislation is in force, but not working effectively and/or not accompanied by a mandated and adequately resourced FIU or other key stakeholders in the anti-money laundering (AML) regime, the Guide can be a source of information that Parliamentarians can use to question Ministers, and to hold their respective governments to account; and iii) in countries that are signatories to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), the Guide and the related sections of the GOPAC/UNDP UNCAC Monitoring and Assessment Toolkit can assist Parliamentarians ascertain to what extent their government has complied with the anti-money laundering provisions of the UNCAC, and assist in efforts to promote this agenda.

The **AML Strategic Plan** is intended to be used by task force members and Parliamentarians in country chapters and at the regional and global level, in partnership with the FATF, the FATF style regional bodies (FSRBs), and other expert bodies, to roll out the guidance in the **Action Guide**.

### Issues for discussion:

Workshop participants are invited to provide comments and advice on:

- 1) the draft **Action Guide for Parliamentarians on Combating the Laundering of Corrupt Money**;
- 2) the draft **Strategic Plan** for task force members and others to roll out the guidance in the Action Guide; and

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<sup>1</sup> The full report of the meeting and the other activities of the GOPAC AML GTF are available on the GOPAC web site: <http://www.gopacnetwork.org/>



3) an updated *GOPAC AML policy position* intended to provide better linkage with i) the UNCAC (UNODC)<sup>2</sup>, ii) the FATF and FATF style regional bodies (FSRBs) 40 + 9 Recommendations that are used by countries to establish an effective anti money laundering regime and as the framework for country assessments, as well as ii) those of other expert bodies.

### **Position Statement**

- Parliamentarians play a vital role in combating money laundering through their influence on legislation, by vigorous oversight of government activity and support of parliamentary auditors, and perhaps most effectively through personal leadership.
- They engage the public and help to build the political will to act.
- By engaging parliamentarians in the fight against money laundering we can strengthen the international regime globally thus impeding the flow of illegal funds across international borders.
- Further, parliamentarians on both sides of the RAA equation – those that have been stolen from and those countries profiting – need to be engaged in order to ensure global cooperation and the reduction of barriers.

### **Draft resolutions: GTF-AML shall**

- finalize the GOPAC AML Action Guide for Parliamentarians and the Strategic Plan to roll it out, incorporating conference workshop advice; and
- approve the updated GOPAC AML policy position and the related updating of the AML section of the *UNDP/GOPAC UNCAC Monitoring and Assessment Toolkit*.

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<sup>2</sup> The GOPAC/UNDP ['Toolkit for Parliamentarians'](#) is based on the **five key Policy Positions** and priorities that parliamentarians identified to improve their capacity and performance in preventing corruption that were approved by GOPAC members at their November 2008 Global Conference in Kuwait.