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on behalf of UN Undersecretary general Mr. Pino Arlacchi, I wish to present to you the best wishes for successful deliberations in your meeting. The United Nations believes that to eliminate criminals' free access to their illicitly gained profits is the most effective way to counter the expansion of transnational organized crime activities.

The UN has played a global facilitation and coordinating role in the field of control of Money Laundering.

I wish to draw your attention to three subjects of interest to APG.

1. IMoLIN /AMLID
2. UN offshore forum
3. Computer Based training for East Asia and the Pacific

1. IMoLIN/AMLID

The International Money Laundering Information Network (IMoLIN) is a multi-faceted web site which serves to provide information on national money laundering laws and regulations, and contacts for inter-country assistance, for the benefit of law enforcement, prosecution and related personnel in countries worldwide, and inter alia to identify areas for improvement in domestic laws, countermeasures and international cooperation.

- 1.1 The IMoLIN system consists of three principal features. First, the Anti-Money Laundering International Database (AMLID) is a compendium of analyses of national anti-money laundering laws and regulations, contemplating two general classes of money laundering control measures (domestic laws and international cooperation) as well as information on national contacts and authorities. This multi-lingual, secure database is an important reference tool for law enforcement officers involved in cross-jurisdictional work. The other two features, within IMoLIN, include an electronic library of publications, convention documents, model laws, legislation, research and other information relating to money laundering, and a calendar of events in the anti-money

laundering field, including training events and conferences at the national, regional and international level.

- 1.2 IMoLIN/AMLID continues to go through many changes and face-lifts. IMoLIN/AMLID is a joint project between the Financial Action Task Force, Commonwealth Secretariat, Interpol, the Organization of American States, and the United Nations. We are happy to announce the addition of the Asia Pacific Group contribution to the website. With APG's assistance, we will be able to provide information and guidance needed on a regional level, which will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Discussions have been held to expand IMoLIN and AMLID. We believe that it may be used to assist more countries on a variety of issues. Currently, AMLID has over 100 users from different parts of the world, from Presidential offices to domestic law enforcement agencies to international anti-money laundering organizations. Visits to the website have multiplied since its inception. In 1997-98, the average number of visits to the site was 100 per month. Currently, the site has over 2,000 visitors per month and continues to grow.

## 2. United Nations Offshore Forum

Experts from a broad spectrum of financial markets came together in the Cayman Islands 30-31 March 2000 to review for adoption the findings of a select group of experts convened in Vienna in 1999. Those comprise the Minimum Performance Standards embodied in the newest GPML program known as the UN Offshore Forum (UNOF).

The three core elements of UNOF are: (1) political commitment, (2) training and technical assistance, and (3) research. We are seeking a commitment to the UN Offshore Forum's framework of basic performance standards by way of a ministerial letter of commitment.

- 2.1 UNOF advocates that all jurisdictions with active and growing cross-border financial services sectors have a basic and achievable program in place that commits them to:

- the 1988 UN Convention, The Forty Recommendations of the Financial Actions Task Force,
- the Basle Committee's "Core Principles for Effective Banking Supervision" and supplementary guidelines for cross-border banking;
- the Ten Key Principles adopted by the G-7 for the improvement of international cooperation;
- the IOSCO norms on securities regulation; and

- the IAIS principles for supervision of the international insurance industry.

If we are going to build an international regime capable of overcoming the threat money laundering poses to all our countries, we need to support these political commitments with concrete, goal-oriented actions. The UN for its part will provide the training and technical assistance needed to enable jurisdictions to do this. Our goal is for the UN to serve as the "junction box" where the political commitment of the various jurisdictions comes together into a coherent international strategy.

### 3. Computer Based Training to counter Money Laundering (Training and Technical Assistance)

The United Nations Global Programme against Money Laundering has created a manual for financial investigators, which will be available shortly for distribution in hard copy to law enforcement officers in member states. This manual will also serve as a basis for a development project we are undertaking with colleagues at ODCCP's Regional Center in Bangkok. The UNDCP Regional Center for East Asia and the Pacific based in Bangkok is delivering training to the drug law enforcement community in 6 countries in East Asia. Front line staff are being taught knowledge and skills in a whole range of drug related topics through computer-based training. The topics include

- Risk assessment, profiling and selection methods at border crossings, inland check points, airports and seaports;
- Risk management techniques
- Search techniques;
- Investigation techniques
- Intelligence methods;
- Drug identification and testing;
- Controlled deliveries; and
- Money Laundering

The Global Programme against Money Laundering will be working with UNDCP staff in Bangkok in the coming months to produce a money laundering training component as part of that package. This material would become available for use at training events or for independent study all over the world in the near future.

I look forward to continue and strengthen the co-operation with you all during the next year.

Thank you.