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#### COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE EVALUATION OF ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING MEASURES AND THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM

#### MONEYVAL

68<sup>th</sup> PLENARY MEETING Strasbourg, 2 - 6 Dec 2024

#### **MEETING REPORT**

Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI)

#### LIST OF DECISIONS

At its 68<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting, held in Strasbourg from 2 to 6 December 2024, chaired by Nicola Muccioli (Chair of MONEYVAL, San Marino), the Committee:

- took note of the information provided by Mr Gianluca Esposito, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law Directorate;
- adopted the agenda as amended;
- took note of the information provided by the Chair and the Executive Secretary to MONEYVAL;
- adopted the 5<sup>th</sup> round Mutual Evaluation Report (MER) of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as amended during the working groups and the Plenary, and decided to place the country into the enhanced follow-up procedure;
- adopted the first follow-up report (FUR) on Estonia;
- noted the information provided by the Secretariat on the final draft of the Supranationality analysis and adopted the report;
- heard the presentation by the FATF on recent progress made to the Supranationality analysis project, and the recently revised FATF standards;
- adopted the Secretariat's analysis of the Voluntary tax compliance (VTC) programme by Georgia;
- adopted the 5<sup>th</sup> round MER of the UK Crown Dependency of Guernsey, as amended during the working groups and the Plenary, and decided to place the country into the regular follow-up procedure;
- amended the Rules of Procedures based on the Secretariat's to streamline follow-up reporting and compliance enhancing procedures (CEPs);
- approved the adoption, through written procedures, of the FURs of Croatia, Georgia, Monaco and Poland;
- decided to place Georgia and the Slovak Republic under CEP's Step 1;
- agreed to terminate the application of CEPs for Lithuania;
- confirmed that Czechia would remain in Step 1 of CEPs and is required to report further progress at the June 2025 Plenary;
- heard an update from the Secretariat on the 6<sup>th</sup> round of evaluation's sequencing, processes and training;
- extended the timeline for the typologies project "Proceeds and Conflicts" to the next Plenary;
- approved the Isle of Man's proposal for an updated typologies research on "Practice of Using Virtual Assets, Virtual Asset Service Providers & Platforms in the Laundering of Criminal Property";
- approved the new Guidance on trainings as presented by the Secretariat;
- approved the timeline and rapporteur assignments for the 69th Plenary in May 2025;
- heard information regarding the recent enlargement of MONEYVAL's Secretariat;
- closed MONEYVAL's fifth round of evaluations, honoured departing members, and paid tribute to John Ringguth's exceptional service.

All evaluations and follow-up reports adopted by MONEYVAL under its evaluation procedure are made public after adoption, in accordance with MONEYVAL's Statute and publication policy, and after the quality and consistency review of the global AML/CFT network. Other documents are made public upon decision by the Committee.

#### MEETING REPORT

The Committee of Experts on the evaluation of anti-money laundering measures and the financing of terrorism (MONEYVAL) held its Working Group on Evaluations (WGE) and 68th Plenary meeting, in Strasbourg from 2 to 6 December 2024 with Mr Nicola MUCCIOLI (San Marino) as the Chair. At this meeting, MONEYVAL:

#### Item 1 – Opening of the Plenary Meeting

 noted Mr. Gianluca Esposito, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law Directorate's introductory message to delegations, highlighting i) the significance of this plenary as a transitional point between the conclusion of the 5<sup>th</sup> round of evaluation and the commencement of the 6<sup>th</sup> round with Latvia's evaluation, ii) the plans for enhanced collaboration with the FATF, iii) MONEYVAL's added value within the Council of Europe (CoE) in areas of cybercrime, counter-terrorism, and human trafficking, and iv) the importance of the ongoing drafting of the Additional Protocol to the Warsaw Convention;

#### Item 2 – Adoption of the agenda

2. adopted the agenda with proposed amendments to the order of business (item 17 moved to day 3 and item 19 removed), as it appears in Annex I;

#### Item 3 – Information from the Chair and Vice-Chair

- 3. took note of the information provided by Nicola Muccioli, Chair of MONEYVAL, as follows:
  - the successful completion of all on-site evaluation visits in 2024, and the successful completion of the 5<sup>th</sup> round of mutual evaluations with the reports of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Guernsey;
  - the commencement of the 6<sup>th</sup> round of evaluation, with Latvia being the first evaluated jurisdiction, whose on-site visit was carried out in November 2024;
  - the publication of the MER of Jersey in July 2024, alongside the adoption of five (FURs) through written procedures for Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Monaco, and Poland;
  - the postponement of Ukraine's FUR discussion due to challenges in collecting and submitting information due to the ongoing aggression by the Russian Federation;
  - his participation in recent international events, namely: (i) the FATF plenary meetings in June and October 2024, with discussions on supranational measures, financial exclusion, asset recovery guidance, and ongoing support for MONEYVAL members under increased monitoring (Monaco, Croatia, and Bulgaria); (ii) MONEYVAL's intersessional meeting in July 2024, which reviewed internal procedures for the 6th round of evaluations; (iii) the Conference on constitutionalism in small European States in October 2024; (iv) the Committee of Ministers (CM) on 6 November 2024, where MONEYVAL's annual activity report was positively received and adopted; and (v) MONEYVAL's country training in Slovenia and Armenia;
  - the warm welcome expressed to newly appointed heads of delegations to Armenia, Georgia, Malta, Jersey, Liechtenstein, Monaco, North Macedonia, and the Slovak Republic;
  - the information provided on the Chair's correspondences with different delegations, the document provided by Ukraine with regards to the nomination of the Russian Federation, a letter from the Council of Europe's gender equality rapporteurs, which underscored the importance of integrating gender considerations into AML/CFT efforts, and exchange of letters with the FATF;

#### Item 4 – Information from the Secretariat

- 4. took note of the information provided by Lado Lalicic, Executive Secretary of MONEYVAL, as follows:
  - the review of the 2025 calendar of activities, highlighting key initiatives and events for the year;
  - major milestones such as two plenary meetings and a joint plenary session with FATF;
  - the recognition of planned activities, including on-site visits to Serbia, Slovenia, and Armenia, and country training sessions for Albania, Czechia, Hungary, and the Isle of Man in preparation for forthcoming evaluations;
  - noted that two assessors' training sessions are planned, pending dates and host country confirmation; noted the logistical challenges posed by limited voluntary contributions and underscored the importance of member and host country support to ensure the successful organization of these activities;
  - the Secretariat's active participation in various fora in alignment with MONEYVAL's strategy and the Ministerial Declaration;
  - the contributions to Council of Europe events, including initiatives to combat manipulation of sports competitions and related money laundering activities, participation in the Eurojust meeting on money laundering and asset recovery, the 7th meeting of the Advisory Group to the Follow-Up Committee of Sports Competitions Manipulation, and the POMPIDOU Group Law Enforcement Conference on Drug Control Networks in Strasbourg in November 2024;
  - the Secretariat's participation in international conferences, including representation at the 14th International AML Compliance Conference, the Nordic Baltic AML Conference on the EU AML Package in Estonia, and the Corporate Registers Forum in Qatar in November 2024;
  - the Secretariat's participation in three FATF plenary sessions and Mr. Gerard Prast's completion of ICRG process training, ensuring MONEYVAL jurisdictions under FATF increased monitoring receive effective guidance and support;
  - the Secretariat's contributions to enhancing MONEYVAL's visibility and strategic engagement through participation in global fora and Council of Europe initiatives.
  - the importance for member states to continue supporting MONEYVAL's activities through voluntary contributions and logistical assistance for events, underscoring the collective effort required to address emerging AML/CFT challenges;

### Item 5 and 6 – Discussion on the 5<sup>th</sup> round of Mutual Evaluation Report of Bosnia and Herzegovina

- heard a presentation by the AT on the main findings of the draft MER of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), with regards to the proposed ratings to Recommendations (R.) and immediate outcomes (IO.), highlighting that the report identified moderate effectiveness for all IOs, except IO. 9, IO. 10, and IO. 11;
- 6. heard a presentation by the WGE Co-Chair on the outcomes of the group's discussions where four key issues (KIs) had been raised: three KIs (IO. 10, IO. 11, IO.5) were brought to the Plenary for information only and maintained their respective level of effectiveness, after the discussion during the working group meetings led to textual revisions, whilst the remaining KI (IO. 9) was brought to the Plenary for discussion on whether the weight given to deficiencies under this IO was appropriate;
- 7. examined the revised key issues document, discussed substantive changes and agreed on the following:

- IO. 9: further to the WGE and the Plenary's discussions on the weight given to the deficiencies related to TF investigations and prosecutions, the Plenary agreed to upgrade the rating from a low effectiveness (LE) to a moderate effectiveness (ME); 14 delegations supported the upgrade, while 3 delegations opposed;
- IO. 10: agreed with the WGE conclusions to retain a low level of effectiveness rating for this IO; accepted the amendments proposed to the MER;
- IO. 11: following a textual amendment proposed in the revised key issues document, a discussion was reopened on this IO; the Plenary accepted the textual amendments presented to the MER and agreed to maintain a low level of effectiveness;
- IO. 5: confirmed a moderate level of effectiveness; accepted the amendments made to the conclusion of IO. 5, following the WGE's discussions;
- 8. approved the WGE proposals, as reflected in the revised KIs documents and amendments proposed;
- adopted the 5<sup>th</sup> round MER of Bosnia and Herzegovina (as amended during the working groups and the Plenary), which shall be published, following the quality and consistency review of the global AML/CFT network in application of Rule 19(5) of the Rules of Procedure for the 5<sup>th</sup> round;
- 10. in application of Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure for the 5<sup>th</sup> round, decided to place Bosnia and Herzegovina in enhanced follow-up procedures, and invited the country to report back to MONEYVAL in 2 years;

#### Item 7 – 5th round follow-up reporting – First follow-up report of Estonia

- 11. reviewed Estonia's first FUR, with Jersey and Israel acting as rapporteurs, alongside the Secretariat's analysis, and heard Estonia's re-rating requests for R. 6, 7, and 15, while retaining Partially Compliant (PC) for other recommendations;
- 12. noted that Estonia reported measures which better align the national legislation with FATF standards and therefore addressed the key technical deficiencies for R. 6, resulting in an upgrade from PC to Largely Compliant (LC);
- 13. considered Estonia's request to upgrade R. 7 to LC, on the basis of progress made on Criterion 7.3; the request was supported by Lithuania, Latvia and Poland; based on the rapporteurs' and the Scientific Expert's interventions, concluded that the progress was insufficient;
- 14. discussed Estonia's progress on R. 15, focusing on Criteria 15.7 and 15.8, and agreed to upgrade Criterion 15.7 to "met" due to Estonia's issuance of guidance and feedback to the VASP sector, but retain Criterion 15.8 as deficient, with limited sanctions for natural persons and a narrow scope of administrative measures, particularly in enforcement against non-compliant virtual asset service providers. Despite progress, this resulted in the overall rating for R. 15 remaining PC;
- 15. adopted Estonia's FUR, incorporating changes from Plenary discussions, while maintaining PC ratings for R. 7 and 15 and concluded that Estonia's progress, while notable, was insufficient to remove the jurisdiction from the enhanced follow-up process; Invited Estonia to report back in December 2025;

#### Item 8 – Supranationality analysis project

- 16. heard a presentation by the Secretariat on the second and final draft of the Supranationality Analysis Project, developed under MONEYVAL's Strategy for 2023-2027, aiming to enhance the understanding and consideration of the European Union's supranational mechanisms in mutual evaluations, more precisely in relation to Immediate Outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, and related recommendations;
- 17. took note of final revisions and notable updates of the document, including the incorporation of written feedback received from Bulgaria, Slovenia, and the European Commission, and the inclusion of the analysis of IO. 5, to reflect the role of beneficial ownership registers in ensuring transparency;
- welcomed the report and commended the Secretariat for the comprehensive analysis, noting its value in providing guidance for the next evaluation round and relevance to other EU bodies;
- 19. adopted the report;

# Item 9 – Update on FATF workstreams and engagement, including: (i) status of FATF supranationality analysis project; (ii) presentation on FATF review of MONEYVAL Rules of Procedure for the 6th round of mutual evaluations; and (iii) changes to IO.2 and IO.8 under revised FATF Methodology

- 20. welcomed the information provided by the FATF Secretariat on recent developments on the Supranationality Analysis Project, undertaken by FATF, which aims to ensure consistency and coherence in evaluating EU-level measures across member states, and apply to all EU member states and all EU regulations having direct application. The first phase, addressing existing EU regulations, is expected to be concluded by February 2025, while the second phase of the project will assess the application of measures under the new EU AML/CFT legislative package, effective from 2027;
- 21. took note of the information provided by the FATF Secretariat with regard to the revised FATF standards, as follows:
  - R. 4: introduces a holistic approach to recovering criminal proceeds across all stages of the process, introducing expeditious freeze and seizure, traditional *ex parte* actions, and emphasizing non-conviction-based and extended confiscation, and collaboration with tax authorities;
  - R. 30 and R. 31: reinforce the role of competent authorities in asset recovery through proactive parallel financial investigations, multidisciplinary investigative groups, and expanded access to diverse sources of information;
  - R. 38-40: facilitates faster responses to foreign asset recovery requests and strengthens frameworks for mutual legal assistance in confiscation cases; and enhances Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) and law enforcement to act swiftly in suspending transactions upon foreign requests and to collaborate effectively within international asset recovery networks;
  - IO. 2: places a stronger emphasis on asset recovery, explicitly referencing asset recovery offices and mechanisms for cross-border information exchange and creates a clearer distinction between cross-border assistance under IO.2 (providing assistance to others) and IO.8 (seeking assistance from others);

 IO. 8: introduces new priorities and core issues regarding asset recovery, including the development of national policies to prioritize tracing, freezing, and confiscation, robust mechanisms to suspend suspicious transactions, effective asset management to preserve value, and the establishment of mechanisms to use confiscated assets to compensate victims;

### Item 10 and 11 – Discussion on the draft 5<sup>th</sup> round Mutual Evaluation Report of UK Crown Dependency of Guernsey

- 22. heard a presentation by the Secretariat on the main findings of the draft MER of Guernsey, noting substantial effectiveness for IO. 1, IO. 5, IO. 9, IO. 10, and IO. 11 and recognizing strengths in risk assessments, counter terrorism financing measures, TFS regimes, and beneficial ownership transparency. IO. 6 and IO. 8 were rated as moderate effectiveness due to the limited use of FIU analysis and confiscation measures. IO. 7 was rated as having low effectiveness, due to limited results noted in high-risk sectors. IO. 4 and IO. 3, were also rated as moderate effectiveness;
- 23. heard the WGE Co-Chair report on the outcomes of the group's discussions where five key issues (KIs) have been raised: four KIs (IO.2, IO.3, IO.11 and R24) were brought to the Plenary for information only, whilst IO.1 was tabled for plenary decision on whether the weight given to deficiencies by the AT was justified, or a HE rating is more appropriate;
- 24. examined the revised key issues document, discussed substantive changes and agreed the following in respect of:
  - IO. 2: agreed with the WGE conclusions to retain a substantial level of effectiveness rating for this IO;
  - IO. 3: agreed to retain a moderate rating, despite Guernsey's request for an upgrade, with the Chair concluding that there was no support for an upgrade;
  - IO. 11: following the WGE proposal, the plenary endorsed the upgrade to high effectiveness. The upgrade was supported by 17 delegations, in recognition of Guernsey's strong effectiveness in the implementation of the TFS; the remaining deficiencies being considered to be minor in nature;
  - IO. 1: agreed to retain a SE rating as, despite 18 delegations supporting an upgrade to HE, a consensus could not be reached;
  - R. 24: following WG discussions, the AT proposed changes to the Draft MER to ensure consistency with other FATF reports. The changes were accepted by Guernsey; therefore, no further discussion was needed in the Plenary;
- 25. after the conclusion of the revised KI document, discussed the proposal by Isle of Man, to upgrade IO. 10 to HE, flagging consistency issues triggered by the Plenary decision to upgrade IO.11. Eight delegations including Guernsey supported the proposal; consensus was reached to up-grade IO.10 to HE, as no delegation opposed;
- approved the proposed amendments to the MER, including upgrades for IO. 11 and IO.
   10 to high effectiveness, and adopted the MER for the UK Crown Dependency of Guernsey;
- 27. placed Guernsey in regular follow-up, requiring a report back to MONEYVAL in 2.5 years;

### Item 12 – Streamlining of 5th round follow-up reporting and Compliance Enhancing Procedures

- 28. agreed to amend the Rules of Procedure after hearing the presentation by the Secretariat on the proposed changes of follow-up reporting and CEPs, aiming to improve efficiency and transparency of the process;
- 29. adopted a guidance note on the application of CEPs based on the results of follow-up process, which will be published on MONEYVAL's website;

#### Item 13 – 5<sup>th</sup> round follow-up reporting and Compliance Enhancing Procedures

### 13.1 - Information on adopted follow-up reports in written procedure (Croatia, Georgia, Monaco and Poland)

- 30. acknowledged the adoption of FURs for Croatia, Georgia, Monaco, and Poland through the written procedure;
- 31. confirmed that Croatia, Georgia, and Poland are scheduled to report under the enhanced follow-up process in December 2025, while Monaco will report back in December 2027;

#### 13.2 - Application of compliance enhancing procedures to Georgia

32. confirmed that R. 6 remains rated as PC, therefore, in line with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure, Step 1 of the CEPs will apply to Georgia; the country was required to report back at the June 2025 Plenary under CEPs, while continuing to report under the enhanced follow-up process in December 2025;

#### 13.3 - Third follow-up report of Slovak Republic

- 33. adopted the third enhanced FUR of the Slovak Republic, following the Secretariat's summary of progress; agreed that R. 8, 15, and 19 remain rated as PC, with deficiencies persisting in areas of non-profit organisations, virtual assets and virtual asset service providers, and high-risk countries;
- 34. confirmed that the Slovak Republic will continue to report under the enhanced follow-up process at the December 2025 Plenary;

#### 13.4 - Application of compliance enhancing procedures to Slovak Republic

35. approved the application of Rule 23(5) for the Slovak Republic, placing the country under CEPs to address remaining technical compliance deficiencies on R10; Slovak Republic is invited to report back under CEPs in the Plenary in June 2025;

#### Item 14 – Ongoing Compliance Enhancing Procedures

#### 14.1 Lithuania: First report under step 1 of CEPS (FATF R. 6) – Secretariat paper

- 36. reviewed Lithuania's first report under Step 1 of CEPs, presented by the Secretariat, highlighting that Lithuania had addressed most of the identified shortcomings identified in the MER and subsequent follow-up reports;
- 37. noted significant progress, including improvements in legal and institutional frameworks for targeted financial sanctions, with minor remaining deficiencies in the scope and implementation of asset-freezing obligations, the establishment of prompt and clear

communication mechanisms for listing and delisting and ensuring the timeliness of responses to foreign requests;

- 38. heard support from several delegations, including Estonia, Poland, Malta, Isle of Man, Slovak Republic, and Gibraltar, to remove Lithuania from CEPs, emphasizing alignment with the updated CEP rules;
- 39. agreed to terminate the application of Step 1 of CEPs to Lithuania due to demonstration of adequate progress, particularly in addressing critical gaps;

#### 14.2 Czechia: First report under step 1 of CEPS (FATF R. 6) – Secretariat paper

- 40. reviewed Czechia's first report under CEPs, presented by the Secretariat, highlighting Czechia's progress in addressing two of six identified shortcomings. Key developments included the adoption of new legislation amending the Act on the Implementation of International Sanctions, which became effective in September 2024;
- 41. acknowledged Czechia's further updates, which detailed additional measures taken since the report's submission;
- 42. confirmed that Czechia would remain in Step 1 of CEPs, and is invited to report back at the June 2025 Plenary, due to remaining deficiencies;

### Item 15 – Request for observer status: Update on request for observer status by Kazakhstan (closed session for MONEYVAL heads of delegation)

#### Item 16 – Sixth Round of Mutual Evaluations Report

#### 16.1 Update on sequencing of the Sixth round of mutual evaluations

43. took note of the information provided by the Secretariat regarding the 6<sup>th</sup> round of evaluation sequencing, which began in 2024 and aims to be completed within 8 years by completing up to 5 MERs per year;

## 16.2 Update on 6th round of evaluations process: (i) amendments to the MEQs for TC and effectiveness; (ii) guidance on filling in the TC Questionnaire; (iii) approach to dealing with Recommendations that are not under review

- 44. took note of recent updates to the 6<sup>th</sup> round of the evaluation process, provided by the Secretariat, including:
  - amendments to the Mutual Evaluation Questionnaires (MEQ) for Technical Compliance (TC) and effectiveness;
  - guidance on filling in the TC Questionnaire;
  - Recommendations not under review;

#### 16.3 Draft guidance on training

45. endorsed the draft Training Guidance document presented by the Secretariat, on organizing training activities for the sixth round of mutual evaluations; the Guidance aims to build a diverse pool of competent and available assessors and includes two types of training: (i) update courses for previously trained experts involved in the fifth round and; (ii) full-scope in-person training for new assessors and those without prior participation;

46. acknowledged the importance of country trainings in the preparation of the national authorities; recognized the value of other training opportunities, including FATF standards training and other regional initiatives;

#### 16.4 Assessors trained for the 6th round - state of play

- 47. heard an update on the status of trained assessors and upcoming training plans;
- 48. acknowledged the concerns regarding the uneven participation in the mutual evaluations, and the need to prioritize countries to increase a balanced contribution to the process;

#### Item 17 – Voluntary tax compliance (VTC)

### 17.1 Voluntary tax compliance programme by Georgia, analysis prepared by the secretariat

- 49. heard the analysis by the Secretariat, related to the recent amendments to Georgia's VTC programme, which entered into force in June 2024; noted that Georgia's VTC programme was in line with the FATF's principles, after additional information was provided by the country;
- 50. adopted the analysis of Georgia's VTC programme, and heard the President's reminder of the Rules of Procedures and the necessity for countries to inform MONEYVAL of any planned VTC programmes or updates;

#### Item 18 – MONEYVAL typologies

#### 18.1 Criminal proceeds and conflicts – update

- 51. heard an update from the Project Leader on the "Proceeds and Conflicts" typology project, which examines financial risks stemming from conflicts, including money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing; noted the progress achieved, including the March 2024 questionnaire;
- 52. acknowledged the completion of a preliminary draft report in September 2024 and the decision to extend the research period to ensure comprehensive findings, and incorporate additional case studies, with the final draft report to be delivered at the next plenary meeting;

#### 18.2 Virtual Assets and Financial Sanctions – Proposal for a New Typology Project

- 53. heard a proposal by the Isle of Man to update MONEYVAL's previous work on virtual assets, with a specific focus on their use to evade financial sanctions, in order to evaluate sanctions circumvention methods, assess the effectiveness of R. 15 and the travel rule, and identify best practices for competent authorities;
- 54. delegations were invited to provide comments on the proposal and submit nominations for team members;

#### Item 19 – Cancelled

### Item 20 – Information on AML/CFT and other relevant initiatives in the Council of Europe and in other fora

- 55. noted the information provided by Ms Oxana Gisca, President of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS No. 198), highlighting the recent adoption of the COP's activity report by the Committee of Ministers including:
  - the extended outreach of the Warsaw Convention by the integration of Estonia and the Kingdom of Morocco as new state parties, and the extension of the Convention to Aruba and Isle of Man;
  - challenges such as the ongoing war against Ukraine, which has impacted AML/CFT efforts due to loss of territory and rising criminal activities, and the limitation of the Russian Federation's participation;
  - the reaffirmation of the European Union's commitment to ratifying the Convention;
- 56. took note of the information provided by the MONEYVAL Representative to PC-RAC (Committee of Experts on Criminal Asset Recovery), regarding recent developments on the zero draft for the preparation of the Additional Protocol to CETS 198, focusing on key areas, including enhancing consistency in asset sharing among member states, strengthening mechanisms for the effective management of seized assets, and improving provisions for non-conviction-based confiscation (NCBC) and extended confiscation;
- 57. noted with interest the intervention by Türkiye, highlighting ongoing efforts to combat the financing of terrorism, with a particular focus on addressing the misuse of non-profit organizations (NPOs);
- 58. took note of the information provided by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) regarding updates on its activities in the AML/CFT domain, including reviews of AML/CFT frameworks during country assessments and training modules;

### Item 21 – Selection of rapporteurs and indicative timeline for follow-up reports for the 69th Plenary meeting

59. updated on rapporteur selection and timelines for FURs to be adopted at the 69th Plenary in May 2025. Countries assessed include Bulgaria, Cyprus, Moldova, Romania, and North Macedonia, with Slovakia, Slovenia, Montenegro, Poland, and Romania as rapporteurs;

#### Item 22 – Financing and staffing

60. Noted the enlargement of MONEYVAL's Secretariat and recent recruitment procedures, as well as the importance for member states to continue providing voluntary contributions and seconded officials, which remain essential for supporting the Secretariat's work;

#### Item 23 - Miscellaneous

- 61. marked the official closure of MONEYVAL's fifth evaluation round, celebrating collective achievements and ongoing collaboration to address AML/CFT challenges;
- 62. paid tribute to departing colleagues for their contributions, with special recognition given to John Ringguth for his unparalleled expertise, professionalism, and lasting impact as a scientific expert, co-chair, and former Executive Secretary, and honored his dedication and role in advancing MONEYVAL's legacy;

**ANNEX I** 

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



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#### COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE EVALUATION OF ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING MEASURES AND THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM

#### COMITÉ D'EXPERTS SUR L'ÉVALUATION DES MESURES DE LUTTE CONTRE LE BLANCHIMENT DES CAPITAUX ET LE FINANCEMENT DU TERRORISME

MONEYVAL

**68<sup>th</sup> PLENARY AND WORKING GROUP MEETING** / 68<sup>ème</sup> RÉUNION PLÉNIÈRE ET RÉUNION DU GROUPE DE TRAVAIL

Strasbourg, 2-6 December 2024 / décembre 2024

DRAFT AGENDA / PROJET D'ORDRE DU JOUR

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#### WORKING GROUP ON EVALUATIONS / GROUPE DE TRAVAIL SUR LES ÉVALUATIONS Day 1: Monday, 2 December 2024 / 1<sup>er</sup> jour: lundi 2 décembre 2024 Room 1 / Salle 1

Morning 9.00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. I matin 9h00 - 12h30

**Draft 5<sup>th</sup> Round Mutual Evaluation Report of Bosnia and Herzegovina** *I Projet de rapport d'évaluation mutuelle du 5<sup>èm</sup>e cycle de la Bosnie Herzégovine* 

Afternoon 2.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. / après-midi 14h00 – 17h30

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WORKING GROUP ON EVALUATIONS / GROUPE DE TRAVAIL SUR LES ÉVALUATIONS Day 2: Tuesday 3 December 2024 / 2<sup>ème</sup> jour: mardi 3 décembre 2024 Room 1 / Salle 1

Morning 9.00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. I matin 9h00 - 12h30

**Draft 5<sup>th</sup> round Mutual Evaluation Report of UK Crown Dependency of Guernsey** *I Projet de rapport d'évaluation mutuelle du 5<sup>ème</sup> cycle de la dépendance de la Couronne britannique, Guernesey* 

Afternoon 2.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. / après-midi 14h00 – 17h30

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PLENARY MEETING / RÉUNION PLÉNIÈRE Day 3: Wednesday 4 December 2024 / 3<sup>ème</sup> jour: mercredi 4 décembre 2024 Room 1 / Salle 1

Morning 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. I matin 9h00 - 12h30

- 1. Opening of the Plenary Meeting / Ouverture de la réunion plénière
  - Opening remarks by Mr Gianluca Esposito, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law Directorate / Allocution d'ouverture de M. Gianluca Esposito, Directeur général de la Direction des droits humains et de l'État de droit
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour
- **3. Information from the Chair and Vice-Chair** *I Informations communiquées par le Président et la vice-présidente* 
  - <u>Chair's correspondence / Courrier du Président</u>
  - Participation in the 1511<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers on 6 November 2024 and presentation of the 2023 MONEYVAL Annual Report / Participation à la 1511<sup>ème</sup> réunion du Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe du 6 novembre 2024 et

#### présentation du Rapport annuel 2023 de MONEYVAL

- 4. Information from the Secretariat / Informations communiquées par le Secrétariat
  - Calendar of activities 2025 / Calendrier des activités pour 2025
  - **Reports on attendance in other fora /** Rapports sur la participation aux réunions d'autres institutions
- 5. Discussion on the draft 5<sup>th</sup> round Mutual Evaluation Report of Bosnia and Herzegovina / Discussion sur le projet de rapport d'évaluation mutuelle du 5<sup>e</sup> cycle de la Bosnie Herzégovine

#### Afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. / après-midi 14h00 - 17h30

- 6. Continuation of the discussion on the draft 5<sup>th</sup> round Mutual Evaluation Report of Bosnia and Herzegovina / Suite de la discussion sur le projet de rapport d'évaluation mutuelle du 5<sup>e</sup> cycle de la Bosnie Herzégovine
- 7. 5<sup>th</sup> round follow-up reporting/ Rapports de suivi du 5<sup>ème</sup> cycle
  - First follow-up report of Estonia / Premier rapport de suivi de l'Estonie
- 8. Supranationality analysis project / Projet d'analyse sur la supranationalité
- 9. Update on FATF workstreams and engagement, including: (i) status of FATF supranationality analysis project; (ii) presentation on FATF review of MONEYVAL Rules of Procedure for the 6<sup>th</sup> round of mutual evaluations; and (iii) changes to IO.2 and IO.8 under revised FATF Methodology / Mise à jour sur les axes de travail et l'engagement du GAFI, notamment sur : (i) l'état d'avancement du projet d'analyse de la supranationalité du GAFI ; (ii) présentation de l'examen par le GAFI des règles de procédure de MONEYVAL pour le sixième cycle d'évaluations mutuelles ; (iii) changements apportés aux RI.2 et RI.8 dans le cadre de la méthodologie révisée du GAFI

#### PLENARY MEETING / RÉUNION PLÉNIÈRE Day 4: Thursday, 5 December 2024 / 4<sup>ème</sup> jour: jeudi 5 décembre 2024 Room 1 / Salle 1

#### Morning 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. I matin 9h00 - 12h30

**10. Discussion on the draft 5<sup>th</sup> round Mutual Evaluation Report of UK Crown Dependency of Guernsey /** Discussion sur le projet de rapport d'évaluation mutuelle du 5<sup>e</sup> cycle de la dépendance de la Couronne britannique, Guernesey

#### Afternoon 2.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. / après-midi 14h00 – 17h30

- **11. Continuation of the discussion on the draft 5<sup>th</sup> round Mutual Evaluation Report of UK Crown Dependency of Guernsey** *I* Suite de la discussion sur le projet de rapport d'évaluation mutuelle *du 5<sup>e</sup>* cycle de la dépendance de la Couronne britannique, Guernesey
- **12. Streamlining of 5<sup>th</sup> round follow-up reporting and Compliance Enhancing Procedures** / Uniformisation des procédures de suivi et de conformité renforcée du cinquième cycle
- **13.** 5<sup>th</sup> round follow-up procedures and application of Compliance Enhancing Procedures / *Procédures de suivi du 5e cycle et application des procédures de conformité renforcée*

- Information on adopted follow-up reports in written procedure (Croatia, Georgia, Monaco and Poland) / Information sur les rapports de suivi adoptés par procédure écrite (Croatie, Géorgie, Monaco et Pologne).
- Application of compliance enhancing procedures to Georgia / Application des procédures de conformité renforcée à la Georgie
- Third follow-up report of Slovak Republic / Troisième rapport de suivi de la République slovaque
- Application of compliance enhancing procedures to Slovak Republic / Application des procédures de conformité renforcée à la République slovaque
- **14. Ongoing Compliance Enhancing Procedures** *I* Rapports sur les procédures de conformité renforcée en cours
  - Lithuania: First report under step 1 of CEPS (FATF R. 6) Secretariat paper / Lituanie, Premier rapport au titre de l'étape 1 des procédures de conformité renforcée (R.6 GAFI) – Document du Secrétariat
  - Czechia : First report under step 1 of CEPS (FATF R. 6) Secretariat paper / Tchéquie, Premier rapport au titre de l'étape 1 des procédures de conformité renforcée (R.6 GAFI) – Document du Secrétariat
- 15. Request for observer status: Update on request for observer status by Kazakhstan (closed session for MONEYVAL heads of delegation)/ Demande de statut d'observateur : Point sur la demande de statut d'observateur présentée par le Kazakhstan (séance à huis clos pour les chefs de délégation de MONEYVAL).

#### PLENARY MEETING / RÉUNION PLÉNIÈRE Day 5: Friday 6 December 2024 / 5<sup>ème</sup> jour: vendredi 6 décembre 2024 Room 1 / Salle 1

#### Morning 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. I matin 9h00 - 12h30

16. Sixth round of mutual evaluations / Sixième cycle d'évaluations mutuelles

- Update on sequencing of the Sixth round of mutual evaluations / mise à jour du calendrier du sixième cycle d'évaluations mutuelles
- Update on 6<sup>th</sup> round of evaluations process: (i) amendments to the MEQs for TC and effectiveness; (ii) guidance on filling in the TC Questionnaire; (iii) approach to dealing with Recommendations that are not under review / Mise à jour sur le processus du 6<sup>ème</sup> cycle d'évaluations: (i) amendements aux MEQs pour la conformité technique et l'efficacité ; (ii) conseils pour remplir le questionnaire de conformité technique; (iii )approche pour traiter les recommandations qui ne sont pas en cours d'examen
- Draft guidance on training / Projet de guide sur la formation
- Assessors trained for the 6<sup>th</sup> round state of play / Évaluateurs formés pour le 6<sup>ème</sup> cycle état des lieux

17. Voluntary tax compliance (VTC) / Conformité fiscale volontaire

- Voluntary tax compliance programme by Georgia, analysis prepared by the secretariat / Programme de mise en conformité fiscale volontaire par la Géorgie, analyse préparée par le Secrétariat.
- Information/update by MONEYVAL members on developments related to VTC / Informations et mise à jour par les membres de Moneyval des développements liés au programme de conformité fiscale volontaire.

**18. MONEYVAL typologies** / Travaux de MONEYVAL sur les typologies

• Criminal proceeds and conflicts - update / Produits du crime et conflits - mise à jour

#### Afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. / après-midi 14h00 - 17h30

- 19. Topical AML/CFT issues by MONEYVAL members: new approaches to collection and generation of statistics in the field of AML/CFT/CPF / Actualité en matière de LBC/FT par les membres de MONEYVAL : nouvelles approches en matiere de collecte de statistiques dans le domaine de la LBC/FT/CPF
- **20. Information on AML/CFT and other relevant initiatives in the Council of Europe and in other fora**/ Information sur les initiatives LBC/FT et autres initiatives au sein du Conseil de l'Europe et dans d'autres institutions
  - Conference of the Parties to the Warsaw Convention (CETS 198) Overview of Activities

     presentation by the COP Chair, Ms Oxana Giscal I Conférence des Parties à la Convention de Varsovie (STCE 198) - Présentation des activités - présentation par la Présidente de la CdP, Mme Oxana Gisca
  - Additional Protocol to CETS 198 (PC-RAC) / Protocole additionnel à la STCE 198 (PC-RAC)
- 21. Selection of rapporteurs and indicative timeline for follow-up reports for the 69<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting / Sélection des rapporteurs et calendrier indicatif des rapports de suivi pour la 69<sup>e</sup> réunion plénière
- 22. Financing and staffing / Financement et ressources
- 23. Miscellaneous / Divers