INSURANCE COMMISSION
OF THE BAHAMAS

INDUSTRY NOTICE

TO: **ALL LONG TERM AND GENERAL INSURERS**

DATE: **NOVEMBER 2, 2026**

RE: **FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE (FATF) CALL FOR ACTION ON HIGH-RISK JURISDICTIONS – DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, IRAN AND MYANMAR (DPRK, IRAN, AND MYANMAR) PURSUANT TO THE PROCEEDS OF CRIME ACT, 2018**

Pursuant to sections 6(3)(b) and 6(3)(d) of the Proceeds of Crime Act, 2018, the National Identified Risk Framework Coordinator has requested that the Insurance Commission of The Bahamas ("the Commission") circulate the following Notice regarding the Public Statements issued by the Financial Action Task Force on October 30, 2026, in relation to Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Iran and Myanmar, which have been identified as high-risk jurisdictions with strategic deficiencies.

Since 2011, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has consistently reiterated the need for countries to fully implement targeted financial sanctions in accordance with the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) and to apply countermeasures to safeguard their financial systems against the money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing risks associated with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). These countermeasures include terminating correspondent banking relationships with DPRK banks, closing any branches or subsidiaries of DPRK banks operating within their jurisdictions, and limiting business relationships and financial transactions with DPRK persons. The FATF has further expressed concern over the DPRK's increased connectivity with the international financial system and its use of front companies, shell companies, joint ventures and complex ownership structures to evade sanctions, thereby heightening proliferation financing risks. Accordingly, the FATF urges countries to exercise greater vigilance, apply enhanced due diligence and adequately assess and address these risks, consistent with Recommendation 1 and Immediate Outcome 11.

With respect to Myanmar, the FATF has called on its members and other jurisdictions to apply enhanced due diligence measures proportionate to the risks arising from that jurisdiction. The FATF requires that as part of enhanced due diligence, financial institutions should increase the degree and nature of monitoring of the business relationship, in order to determine whether those transactions or activities appear unusual or suspicious. If no further progress is made by February 2027, the FATF will consider countermeasures. Therefore, when applying enhanced due diligence in relation to Myanmar, Registrants and Licensees should ensure that flows of funds for humanitarian assistance, legitimate NPO activity and remittances are neither disrupted nor discouraged. Especially in relation to earthquake relief efforts in Myanmar, the FATF recognizes the importance of ensuring that implementation of its Recommendations does not adversely and disproportionately affect NPOs and further, does not unduly hinder civil society and the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

With respect to Iran, the FATF acknowledges its renewed engagement and limited progress in addressing deficiencies in its anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing (AML/CFT) framework. However, significant deficiencies remain, particularly in relation to the criminalisation of terrorist financing and the implementation of targeted financial sanctions in accordance with FATF Standards. Accordingly, the FATF continues to call on all jurisdictions to apply effective countermeasures against Iran, consistent with Recommendation 19, until the identified deficiencies are adequately addressed.

In light of the foregoing, Registrants and Licensees are reminded to assess the money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing (ML/TF/PF) risks associated with business relationships and transactions involving the DPRK, Iran and Myanmar, and to implement appropriate risk mitigation measures, including enhanced due diligence and applicable countermeasures, consistent with the relevant FATF recommendations and domestic legal and regulatory requirements. In undertaking these assessments, Registrants and Licensees should refer to the FATF's Public Statements available at the following link:

High-Risk Jurisdictions subject to a Call for Action - 30 October 2026

All Registrants and Licensees are required report to the Commission in writing, by **November 5, 2026**, confirming that their risk analysis has taken into account all money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing (ML/TF/PF) risks associated with the jurisdictions identified in the Public Statement referenced above. **Please note that the FATF Public Statement is not included in the Targeted Financial Sanctions Reporting Form.**

A copy of the Notice regarding the Call For Action on High-Risk Jurisdictions, can also be found on the Commission's website under Announcements and Notices.

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