

STATEMENT

On the 35th-37th meetings of the Interagency Committee on Combating Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing and Proliferation Financing in the Republic of Armenia (2020-2022)

Over the period 2020-2022, three meetings of the Interagency Committee on Combating Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing and Proliferation Financing (hereinafter: the Committee) were convened, which considered and agreed upon, *inter alia*, the following key issues in the area of combating money laundering and terrorism financing (hereinafter: ML/TF):

1. *Regarding designation under the list of persons related to terrorism published by the Authorized Body* – Based on Clause 12 in Part 1 of Article 10 of the Law on Combating Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing, and on Clause 9 of the “Rules for Proposing Persons or Entities for Designation or Delisting under/from the Lists Published By or in Accordance with the United Nations Security Council Resolutions or Foreign National Lists; for Designating Persons or Entities under the Lists Published by the Authorized Body” approved by the Decision of the Chairman of the Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia No 1/434-A of 26 June 2018, the Financial Monitoring Center has collected information on persons (including identification data, where available) recruited with the help of Turkey and transported to the territory of Azerbaijan within the framework of military operations that began on 27 September 2020. The compiled lists, as well as the legal and factual bases for their publication were presented to the Committee for its consideration. The list of persons related to terrorism in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373 was approved at the 35th meeting and amended at the 36th meeting of the Committee. The Authorized Body's list of persons related to terrorism was published on the official website of the Central Bank of Armenia.¹

2. *Regarding 2017-2020 National Risk Assessment Reports* – Due to the works of the national assessment of ML/TF risks, as well as of the risks of financing proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (hereafter: PF), which started in 2020 and were completed in 2021, two draft reports were produced, particularly the “*Report on 2017-2020 National Assessment of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Risks in the Republic of Armenia*” and the “*Report on 2017-2020 National Assessment of Risks of Financing Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the Republic of Armenia*”². National assessments of ML/TF risks were carried out in Armenia for the periods 2010-2013 and 2014-2016, while the national assessment of PF risks was carried out for the first time. The draft reports were considered and approved at the 36th meeting of the Committee.

3. *Regarding 2022-2024 National Strategy for Combating Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing and Proliferation Financing* – The Committee considered the draft “*2022-2024 National Strategy for Combating Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing and Financing of Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction*”. The first and second annexes of the document set out, respectively, the 2022-2024 national strategy and the action plan for its implementation, as well as the tool for monitoring implementation of the actions stipulated by the plan. Monitoring

¹ Link: www.cba.am/Storage/EN/FDK/20211021%20-%20National%20Designations%20List_arm.pdf

² Key findings of the reports are available at www.cba.am/am/SitePages/FMCNewsDetails.aspx?NewsID=602

of the actions will be carried out at semi-annual intervals, and the outcomes will be reported to the Committee.