FIGHT AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING AND FINANCING OF TERRORISM

MONEY LAUNDERING



Money Laundering, what is it?

A set of financial transactions, more or less complex, that seek the incorporation, in the formal economy, of the substantial resources that are generated in the practice of illicit acts.

Findings

Depriving criminals of the proceeds from their activity is one of the most effective tools in the fight against crime, especially in the case of organized crime.

Traditional Institutions

Police - investigation

Prosecutor - prosecution

Courts - trial

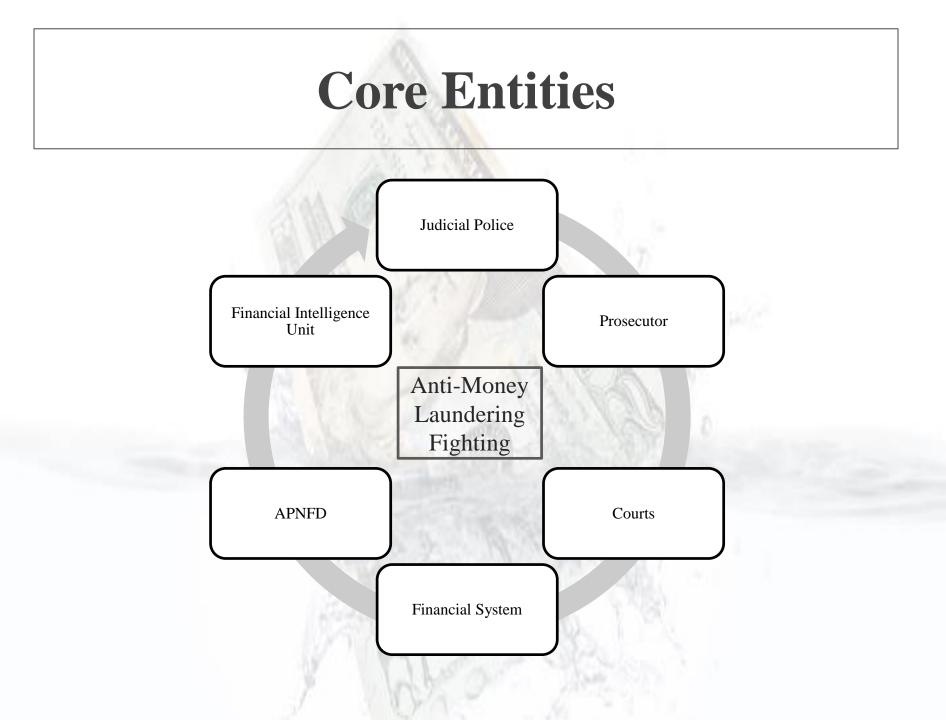
Developments (1)

- □ The strategies adopted by the countries revealed that the existing authorities had limited access to financial information they needed and that the participation of the financial system was required;
- □ It was concluded that, if financial institutions were required to disclose suspicious transactions, an organ to receive and process this information was also indispensable;

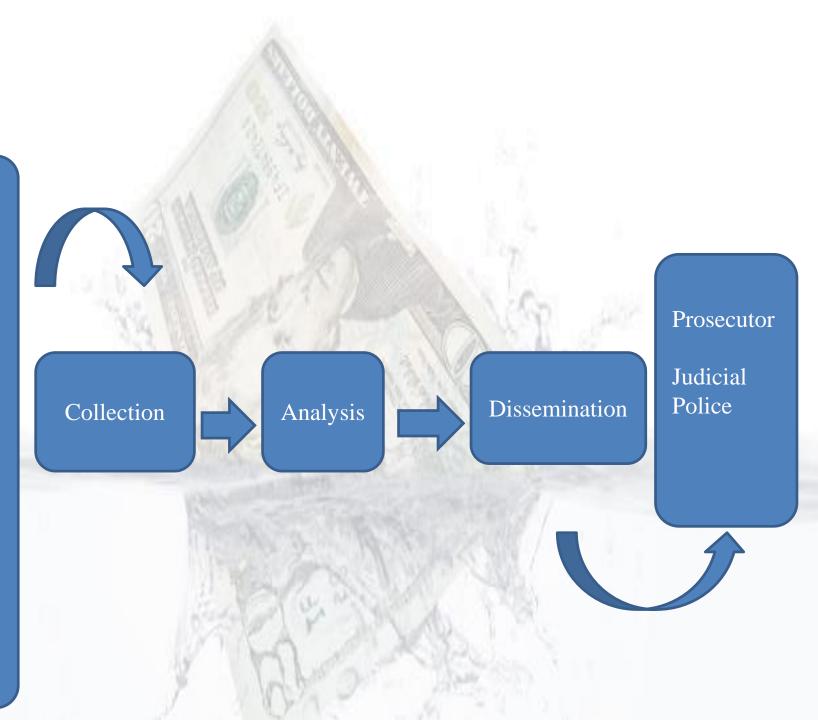
Developments (2)

❑ At the beginning of the '90s, Financial Intelligence Units (FIU) appeared as National Centre for the collection, analysis and dissemination of information relating to suspicious money laundering and financing of terrorism transactions;

Egmont Group registers 155 members.



Banks Insurance Exchange Houses Customs Casinos Real Estate Auditors Accounta nts Lawyers







What defines Financing of Terrorism?

- Difficulty of its detection;
- Small amounts;
- Alternative ways of money transfers, informal economy, weak banking in Africa;
- Lack of legal harmonization the United Nations Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (1999);
- Origin/consignee/final beneficiary;
- Origin and Destination Country .

Major Institutions

Global Institution:

➢ FATF (Financial Action Task Force)

Regional Institutions:

- > ESAAMALG
- ➢ GIABA
- > MENAFATF
- ➢ GABAC

We have to believe that in the end good must overcome evil.

THANK YOU

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