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2022 Interdepartmental AML/CFT Working Group Plenary Meeting

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The Macao Special Administrative Region established the Interdepartmental Anti-Money Laundering/Counter Financing of Terrorism Working Group (AML/CFT WG) in 2002, which currently composes of 14 members (including judicial, law enforcement and supervisory agencies), and is being coordinated by the Financial Intelligence Office (GIF). The main functions of the AML/CFT WG include carrying out policy studies related to combating money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing, conducting ongoing risk assessments for the Macao SAR, following up on the evaluation work conducted by international organizations and exchanging information on international and local trends related to AML/CFT, coordinating trainings and public awareness programs, and developing guidelines for the relevant reporting sectors.

The Financial Intelligence Office, as the coordinating agency, held the first plenary meeting of the year on 16 February 2022 to summarize the key actions completed in 2021, the follow-up of legislation revision in 2022, the

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data collection enhancement of law enforcement and supervisory agencies, the progress in relation to next round Macao SAR Money Laundering/Terrorist Financing/Proliferation Financing risk assessment, the ongoing follow-up regarding the money Laundering and terrorist financing risk posed by virtual assets and virtual assets service providers to Macao, and the latest revision of international standards introduced by the AML/CFT international organization.

Participating member agencies included the Public Prosecutions Office, the Commission against Corruption of Macao, the Unitary Police Service, the Macao Customs Service, the Legal Affairs Bureau, the Monetary Authority of Macao, the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau, the Macao Economic and Technological Development Bureau, the Finance Services Bureau, the Judiciary Police, the Public Security Police Force, the Housing Bureau, the Independent Committee for the Exercise of Disciplinary Power over Solicitors and the Financial Intelligence Office, with a total of around 60 representatives.

The 1st Plenary Meeting of the Interdepartmental AML/CFT Working Group of the year was held on 16 February.

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