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Press Release



Financial Intelligence Unit

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Financial Intelligence Unit of Sri Lanka Entered into an Agreement with INTERPOL National Central Bureau for Sri Lanka

In terms of the provisions of the Financial Transactions Reporting Act, No. 6 of 2006 (FTRA), the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of Sri Lanka entered into an agreement with INTERPOL National Central Bureau for Sri Lanka (NCB Colombo) on October 11, 2019 at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to obtain direct access to the INTERPOL Information System.

Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police, Head of NCB Colombo, Mr. D W R B Seneviratne and Mr. D M Rupasinghe, Director, FIU signed the agreement on behalf of the respective institutions in the presence of Dr. Indrajit Coomaraswamy, the Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, who is also the Chairman of the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) National Coordinating Committee and Mr. C D Wickramaratne, Acting Inspector General of Police.

Money laundering and terrorist financing are internationally connected financial crimes which could threaten the stability of domestic as well as global economic and financial systems. The agreement would enable gather intelligence and information which is vital for prevention, detection and prosecution of such offences.

The FIU has already entered into Memoranda of Understanding with 39 foreign counterparts as well as 10 domestic agencies, namely, Sri Lanka Customs, Department of Immigration and Emigration, Department of Inland Revenue, Department for Registration of Persons, Sri Lanka Police, Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka, Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka, Department of Motor Traffic, Condominium

Management Authority and National Gem and Jewellery Authority in order to share information to strengthen the AML/CFT framework of the country.



Mr. D M Rupasinghe Director, FIU Sri Lanka and Mr. D W R B Seneviratne, Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police, Head of NCB Colombo exchanging the agreement. Dr. Indrajit Coomaraswamy, the Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Mr. C D Wickramaratne, Acting Inspector General of Police, Mr. H A Karunaratne, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Mrs. S Gunaratne, Assistant Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Mr. P K D Priyantha, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mr. G S Abeysekara, Senior Superintendent of Police, Mr. P Ampawila, Superintendent of Police, Mr. Ranjith Wedasinghe, Superintendent of Police, Mr. L R Rajakaruna, Inspector of Police were also present.