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**October 29, 2004**

To: All Banks  
Federally Regulated Trust and Loan Companies  
Federally Regulated Life Insurance Companies  
Federally Regulated Property and Casualty Insurance Companies  
Federally Regulated Cooperative Credit Associations  
Fraternal Benefit Societies

cc: Provincial Regulators and Supervisors  
Canadian Association of Direct Response Insurers  
Canadian Bankers Association  
Canadian Fraternal Association  
Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association  
Canadian Securities Administrators  
Credit Union Central of Canada  
Insurance Bureau of Canada Investment Dealers Association of Canada  
Trust Companies Association of Canada

**Re: Financial Action Task Force (FATF): Non-cooperative countries and territories (NCCTs): Withdrawal of Counter-measures imposed on Myanmar and Nauru**

In an October 22, 2004 [press release](#), the FATF, of which Canada is a member, announced that it has withdrawn the application of additional counter-measures imposed on Nauru and Myanmar. The withdrawal of counter-measures against Myanmar is a result of it having enacted the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Law on October 14, 2004. With respect to Nauru, it has taken several significant steps to ensure that offshore banks previously licensed in Nauru no longer exist and no longer conduct banking activity.

Nevertheless, both countries will remain on the NCCT list until they address remaining deficiencies and adequately implement the necessary laws.

For a current listing of all the non-cooperative countries and territories, please refer to the FATF Internet site at [http://www1.oecd.org/fatf/NCCT\\_en.htm](http://www1.oecd.org/fatf/NCCT_en.htm).

Federally regulated financial institutions operating in Canada are asked to give special attention to businesses and transactions with persons, including companies and financial

institutions, operating in NCCTs, by exercising appropriate due diligence and caution in reviewing any transactions with such persons or entities.

The [Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada \(FINTRAC\)](#) has also issued [an advisory](#) with respect to this action.

Thank you very much for your anticipated co-operation in this matter.

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