

Raising awareness on Cash couriers



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Attractiveness of cash and BNI

Terrorism requires funding

- Raising funds for terrorist acts
- Moving funds for terrorist acts

Why cash and BNI?

- No trace
- No or hardly regulated sector
- Easy carrying -> especially BNI

FATF Special recommendation IX

SR IX:

- Detection of physical cross border transportation of currency AND bearer-negotiable instruments (BNI): ***declaration or disclosure***
- Legal authority to ***stop*** or ***restrain*** currency or BNI that are suspected to be related to ***terrorist financing*** or money laundering or that are ***falsely*** declared or disclosed
- Sanctions: effective, proportionate and dissuasive AND being able to confiscate.

FATF Best Practices paper Special recommendation IX

SR IX Best practices paper was adopted in February 2010:

- Explains the differences between declaration and disclosure systems
- Provides best practices in record keeping and information sharing
- Pre interdiction: identification and targeting: risk assessments
- Post interdiction: effective follow up investigations and prosecutions
- Red flag indicators and case examples

CTED's monitoring

Legal aspects:

- Anti money laundering legislation and proceeds of crime law contain requirements for cross border movement of cash;
- Customs law authorizes controls, seizure and penalties;
- Customs administer a process for declaration / disclosure

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Practical aspects:

- In-bound more often covered than out-bound;
- Declarations accepted, but no follow up;
- Detections made, but money given back;
- Customs work in isolation, insufficient interagency cooperation and follow up;
- Lack of capacity:
 - Analysis units
 - Targeting criteria
 - Indicators

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Customs:

- Not aware of UN watch lists;
- Not connected to domestic criminal and other data bases
- Not connected to international data bases, such as INTERPOL's Stolen and Lost Travel Documents

Summary: Need to raise awareness and facilitate technical assistance

Informal group on awareness raising and promoting international best practices

Informal group meeting 21 – 22 July 2010 hosted by CTED

- Participants: CTED, 1267 Committee, UNODC, Interpol, WCO, US Treasury and US ICE.
- Goal: awareness raising and promoting international best practices of FATF and WCO.
-> UNODC GPML and WCO upcoming TA project on cash couriers
- Cooperation with regional partners, such as APG

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Upcoming CTED sponsored events:

- Early 2011 workshop in Malaysia for South east Asian countries, with follow up for remaining South East Asian countries later in the year
- CTED plans to work on cash couriers in 2011 as part of its biannual dialogue with police, prosecutors and CT focal points in South Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka).

Thank you.



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