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The Central Bank of the UAE announced today that as per the directives of H.E. Sultan Bin Nasser Al Suwaidi, Governor of Central Bank of the UAE, Chairman of National Anti-Money Laundering Committee (NAMLC) and in conformity with the mission and vision of the Central Bank, a delegation headed by Mr. Abdulrahim Mohamed Al Awadi, Executive Director, Head of Anti-Money Laundering and Suspicious Cases Unit (AMLSCU) of the UAE, and comprising of representatives from Central Bank of the UAE and Anti-Money Laundering and Suspicious Cases Unit (AMLSCU) has attended the 20<sup>th</sup> Egmont Group Plenary and its working groups meetings and other events held in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation .

UAE has played an active role and attended regularly all the meetings and events of the Egmont Group since being admitted as a member in June 2002, the first Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) in the Middle East & North Africa (MENA) region to be a member of the Group.

At this 20th Plenary four new members were admitted and the total membership reached 131 FIUs.

The UAE delegation participated in Working Group Meetings, Heads of FIUs meeting, Plenary session and other events of the Egmont Group including training sessions and discussed:

- Increased coordination and support among the member FIUs.

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- Capacity building and training among the FIUs.
- Cooperation in the reciprocal exchange of information.
- Other relevant business.

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In addition to the above, Mr. Abdulrahim Mohamed Al Awadi, Executive Director, Head of AMLSCU & Head of UAE delegation signed MOUs with FIUs of Republic of Kazakhstan & Ukraine. The signing of the MOU would facilitate:

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- Exchanging information in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing.
- Exchanging of expertise and experience on AML/CFT.

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With the signing of the above two MOU's, the total number of MOUs signed by the UAE FIU reached 40.

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The UAE delegation also held bilateral meetings at the margins of the Egmont Group events with the delegations of Russian Federation, United States of America, Japan, Kingdom of Spain, Republic of France, Republic of Italy, Federal Republic of Germany, Republic of Turkey, Republic of India, Republic of Cyprus, Kingdom of Denmark, Australia, Kingdom of Sweden, Greece, Switzerland, Canada and Luxembourg and discussed the following:

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- Strengthening cooperation and coordination in all areas that are of interest to the respective FIUs.
- Exchanging views on the revised FATF Recommendations including implementation issues.

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- Following-up on the joint initiatives on AML/CFT. -
- Effective implementation of the MOUs signed between the respective FIUs. -
- Holding joint conferences and workshops for technical assistance, training and capacity building. -
- Negotiation on MOUs with whom AMLSCU has previously corresponded with. -
- Following up on the degree of cooperation with the respective FIUs. -
- Other related matters. -

The discussions were very fruitful and it is a reflection of UAE's efforts in enhancing interaction with the FIUs to facilitate the exchange of information, expertise and experience for combating money laundering and terrorist financing.

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