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Federation Statement on the FATF Mutual Evaluation Report

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada welcomes the Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) mutual [evaluation of Canada's anti-money laundering and terrorist financing framework \(AMLTF\)](#). The report recognizes the [significant progress](#) made by Canada's legal regulators to strengthen their AMLTF framework over the past decade, supported by significant preventive, supervisory, educational, and disciplinary measures. The report further recognizes the constitutional principles that underpin the administration of justice in Canada and within which AMLTF regulation must operate. This acknowledgement reflects years of sustained collaboration by Canada's law societies to build a robust framework that contributes to the integrity of Canada's AMLTF regime.

The report also identifies areas where continued diligence is needed. The Federation recognizes that maintaining an effective AMLTF regime requires ongoing attention, continuous improvement, and collaboration among regulators, law enforcement and other authorities as financial crime risks and international standards continue to evolve. Canada's law societies also welcome increased information sharing from law enforcement in order to make the regulatory framework even more effective.

Law societies are an integral part of Canada's anti-money laundering framework. Through a comprehensive regulatory regime, they help safeguard the integrity of legal services while preserving the independence of the legal profession, solicitor-client privilege and the rule of law.

The Federation looks forward to continuing this work in support of a strong, effective and internationally respected AMLTF regime that addresses the priorities identified in the evaluation, protects the public, and reinforces confidence in Canada's legal profession.

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada is the national association of the 14 law societies mandated by the provinces and territories to regulate Canada's legal profession in the public interest. It is the body through which Canada's law societies collaborate at the national level, share information on trends and issues affecting the legal profession, and engage in collective action and decision making.

The Federation is also the law societies' national and international voice on important issues related to the regulation and core values of the legal profession. For more information on the Federation, please visit our web site at www.flsc.ca.

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