

## Annex - Questionnaire

**Measures taken to implement the Convention and the commitments contained in the UNGASS political declaration, as well as good practices and progress made in the use of international cooperation mechanisms under the Convention<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Country</b>	The People's Republic of China
<b>Implementing authority/authorities</b>	Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)
<b>Corresponding paragraph(s) of the UNGASS political declaration and/or article(s) of the Convention</b>	<u>UNGASS political declaration</u> Paragraph 29
<b>Title of initiative</b>	Continuous cooperation between HKPF and domestic anti-money laundering (AML) stakeholders
<b>Keywords of initiative</b>	Collaboration, partnership, liaison
<b>Short summary of initiative</b> (please indicate the start date/duration if relevant)	HKPF maintained liaison with domestic counterparties.
<b>Detailed description of initiative</b>	<p>There are consistent collaborations on outreach and educational efforts between the Financial Intelligence and Investigation Bureau (FIIB), housed under HKPF, and local AML stakeholders, including workshops and seminars delivered to financial institutions supervisors on AML measures and as well as suspicious transaction reporting.</p> <p>The Suspicious Transactions Reporting Working Group (STRWG) is led by the Joint Financial Intelligence Unit (JFIU) under FIIB, and comprises law enforcement agencies, regulatory authorities (e.g. Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Securities and Futures Commission (SFC)), and representatives from the private sector to provide feedback on the filing of suspicious transaction reports as well as the latest money laundering trends.</p> <p>The Fraud and Money Laundering Intelligence Taskforce (FMLIT) is a public-private-partnership platform comprising the HKPF, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Hong Kong Association of Banks, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), the Customs and Excise Department and 23</p>

<sup>1</sup> Please use one form per initiative described

	<p>banks (including 15 local retail banks and 8 virtual banks) in Hong Kong. The platform aims to fight against financial crime and money laundering activities via the sharing of intelligence. Through regular meetings of the FMLIT's Strategic and Operations Groups, senior representatives formulate and adjust its directions, allowing professional fraud and ML investigators from the HKPF and the banking sector to work side by side in tackling serious financial crimes and money laundering (ML) activities.</p> <p>Effective cooperation is maintained between HKPF and the ICAC through the Police / ICAC Operational Liaison Group.</p> <p>HKPF frequently collaborates with other local stakeholders by making joint enforcement actions. For instance, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the HKPF and SFC to formalise and strengthen cooperation which covers referral of cases, joint investigations, exchange and use of information, mutual provision of investigative assistance, to make the combating of financial crimes and illicit activities in the securities and futures markets more effective. A joint operation was carried out by HKPF and SFC alongside Singaporean authorities in tackling 'ramp-and-dump' scams by a cross-border ML syndicate in late 2021.</p>
<p><b>Lessons learned in implementing the initiative</b></p>	<p>Public-private collaboration is crucial in fighting ML crimes. It is hence important to take on board more relevant agencies or entities in intelligence sharing. Amidst the COVID-19 epidemic, we could make good use of the digital infrastructure available in the liaison with our working partners.</p>
<p><b>Challenges encountered in implementing the initiative</b></p>	<p>In view of the technology advancement and the social restrictions imposed in the COVID-19 epidemic, challenges were brought in terms of maintaining secure communication with reporting entities and partners.</p>
<p><b>Link to more information</b></p>	<p>-</p>