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The President
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Dear Sir

I am please to confirm, on behalf of the Government of Vanuatu, the formal endorsement, by the Vanuatu authorities with responsibility for the legal, financial and law enforcement matters covered, of the revised Financial Action Task Force's 40 Recommendations.

I would also like to advise you that Vanuatu has undergone the IMF Module 2 assessment which my government has endorsed and is committed to implement the recommendations. In this regard, my government has recently introduced a new legislation covering the operation of offshore banks to ensure that they are supervised in a manner consistent with internationally accepted standards as outlined by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision. Furthermore, in late 2002 the Government passed legislation in relation to the financing of terrorism and is currently revising legislation relating to anti-money laundering and terrorist financing to ensure that it is consistent with the FATF's guidelines.

Yours faithfully



Rt. Hon. Edward N. Natapei
Prime Minister