



Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering  
Groupe d'action financière sur le blanchiment de capitaux

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### **FATF to hold an extraordinary meeting**

The Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF) will hold an extraordinary Plenary meeting in Washington, D.C. on 29-30 October 2001 to address initiatives to combat terrorist financing.

This emergency meeting represents FATF's commitment to ensure that the international financial system cannot be misused by terrorists and those who channel funds to them.

"The FATF, the leading international body in the global fight against money laundering, will provide its expertise and energy to the related battle against the financing of terrorism," said Mrs. Clarie Lo, the President of FATF.

Details concerning the news conference which will follow will be transmitted to journalists in due course. FATF meetings are closed sessions.

The FATF is an independent international body whose Secretariat is housed at the OECD. The twenty nine member countries and governments of the FATF are: Argentina; Australia; Austria; Belgium; Brazil; Canada; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; Ireland; Italy; Japan; Luxembourg; Mexico; the Kingdom of the Netherlands; New Zealand; Norway; Portugal; Singapore; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; United Kingdom and the United States. Two international organisations are also members of the FATF: the European Commission and the Gulf Co-operation Council.

More information on the FATF can be found on the web site at: <http://www.fatf-gafi.org>

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