



## **Financial Intelligence Unit of Sri Lanka Central Bank of Sri Lanka**



### **APG Co-Chair (for 2016-2018) acceptance speech by Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Sri Lanka**

Mr Co-chair,  
Distinguished Delegates,

As a founder member, Sri Lanka is honoured and considers it's a great privilege to be nominated as APG co-chair for a two year period commencing 2016; a year in which Sri Lanka hopes to achieve a per capita income of US\$ 4000.

I believe the nomination was made in recognition of what Sri Lanka has achieved in the sphere of AML/CFT.

You may recall, yesterday, I touched on some constraints and challenges my country had to face, in order to come out of the ICRG process.

Most of you are aware, that Sri Lanka emerged from an internal strife with a most dangerous terrorist group of the world, which lasted for almost three decades, which destroyed its social fabric on which our rich culture and heritage was founded.

Whatever initiatives taken to rectify the deficiencies in the AML/CFT regime, had to be taken at a time, the priorities of the country were reconstruction, resettlement, reconciliation and finding solutions to so many other burning issues resulting from the internal strife.

Thus, the nomination as APG co-chair in this backdrop is all the more significant to us.

Mr Co-chair,

On behalf of my government, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the FIU Sri Lanka, I wish to assure you that Sri Lanka would make every endeavour, to fulfill its obligations as APG Co-chair to the best of its ability.

Thank you Co-chair, APG Secretariat, distinguished delegates, my fellow FIU colleagues and wish, all of you a safe passage home.