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**REMARKS  
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ENGAGING DESIGNATED NON-FINANCIAL BUSINESSES  
AND PROFESSIONALS ON  
IMPLEMENTING A SUSTAINABLE ANTI-MONEY  
LAUNDERING/COUNTER TERRORIST FINANCING  
FRAMEWORK OPENING CEREMONY**

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Trainers from America, the Bangladesh Bank, the Asia/Pacific Group

And all of you who have joined the battle against terrorism

Asalaam 'malaikum and good morning!

Money ...

I like money ... as I work, I earn money ...

I am guessing that you, too, like to earn money...

Money is a good thing ... usually.

But money can be a bad thing in the hands of evil people ... people who mean to destroy our cultures, our ways of life, our democracy and impose their will on us ... these evil people can use money to finance their violent attacks on us, our families, our communities, our countries.

I call these violent evil-doers terrorists.

We must fight these terrorists ... we must defend ourselves and the values we stand for.

... and a key battle front in this fight is money, cutting off the money terrorists need to finance their violent acts of terror.

This battle is not unique to Bangladesh.

It is a global battle.

Therefore, the best way to win this battle against the terrorists is for the democratic nations of the world to work together to deny these terrorists the money they seek to finance their war on us.

Bangladesh, the world's seventh largest country, is an important partner in the global battle to slash financing for terrorism.

Working with the Financial Action Task Force, Bangladesh has built a strong legal framework to combat money laundering and counter terrorist financing.

The Bangladesh Bank's Financial Intelligence Unit under the leadership of Deputy Governor Razeed Hassan has scored some good successes in battling money laundering and terrorist financing, including Bangladesh's acceptance into the Egmont Group earlier this year.

As a result of these and other steps, Bangladesh is building a strong case for its restoration soon to good standing in the Financial Action Task Force ...

... this would be a very good thing ... an achievement Bangladesh could be proud of.

But the battle against money laundering and terrorist financing never ends.

The government must now undertake in-depth risk assessments in certain financial sectors, and it must increase coordination among various government ministries and agencies in investigations of money laundering and terrorist financing.

Of course, the battle against terrorist financing is bigger than government alone.

It involves the private sector as well: attorneys, accountants, real estate agents, dealers in precious metals and stones, trusts, company service providers ... anyone involved in any way in the movement of large amounts of money.

That is what this workshop is all about.

Working together, the Bangladesh Bank and the Financial Intelligence Unit partnered with key players in the private sector can make Bangladesh an unfriendly place for money launderers and terrorists.

A Bangladesh that is successful in rooting out money laundering and terrorist financing is good for the people of Bangladesh, good for South Asia, and good for the entire global community.

But be aware ... transnational criminal organizations and terrorists are becoming increasingly sophisticated.

They utilize new technologies and methods to elude detection and to launder the proceeds of their crimes.

To defeat these evil elements, Bangladesh's public and private sectors must work together to build their capacity to relentlessly combat money laundering and terrorist financing.

I am proud that America is Bangladesh's strong partner in this battle against terrorism.

As witnessed by this workshop, we are engaged in helping Bangladesh defend itself against the evils of money laundering and terrorist financing.

If the past is any guide, I believe Bangladesh will continue to make important strides in protecting the wonderful Bangladeshi people from terrorism.

I wish all of you, the workshop participants, the very best as you hone your skills to keep money laundering and terrorist financing far from Bangladesh.

You must succeed ... you must succeed ... in this undertaking if our shared vision of Sonar Bangla is to become reality.

Thank you.

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