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By email

To: President Roger Wilkins, AO, FATF

We are writing as co-chairs of the Transnational NPO Working Group on FATF to follow up on the commitment made at the March 25 consultation in Brussels to formalize a consultative process between FATF and the nonprofit sector.

As you stated that day, a consultation process with the NPO sector and FATF already exists. However, the process is ad hoc and limited in its reach to the global NPO sector. We feel the quality and utility of such consultations can be improved by formalizing a structure for them, either as part of the private sector consultative forum or as a separate NPO consultative forum.

Given the vital contribution NPOs make to human security through humanitarian, development, human rights, conflict transformation and good governance work, a formal consultative process with clearly defined "rules of engagement" would benefit all concerned.

We hope that the plenary meeting in June will take up this issue and move forward in formalizing a process. In so doing, we urge you to use "rules of engagement" that reflect openness, transparency and free exchange of ideas.

We would be happy to provide further suggestions for a workable consultative process and discuss these issues prior to the June plenary. You can reach us at the following:

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