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Central Bank of the UAE announced that the National Anti-Money Laundering Committee's Delegation has visited Lisbon in Portugal on 12 July 2007 and Paris in France on 13-14 July 2007, Headed by H.E. Sultan Bin Nasser Al Suwaidi – Governor of the Central Bank and Chairman of National Anti-Money Laundering Committee of the UAE.

The Delegation met in Lisbon with H.E. Vitor Constancio - Governor of Banco de Portugal (Portuguese Central Bank), H.E. Minister of Justice, and officials from the Portuguese Financial Intelligence Unit. Enhancement of cooperation with the Portuguese authorities in the banking field and exchange of information regarding suspicious transactions were highlighted in the meetings, through discussing signing of memorandums of understanding between the competent authorities of the two countries. Also, it was agreed on the need to continue the cooperation on Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Terrorist Financing (AML/CFT).

The Delegation met also in Paris with H.E. Christian Noyer - Governor of Banque de France (French Central Bank), and officials from the Judicial Police of Ministry of Interior and the French Financial Intelligence Unit. The French AML/CFT system and enhancement of cooperation with the French authorities in the banking field, through discussing signing of memorandum of understanding in this regard, were highlighted in the meetings. Also, it was agreed on the need to continue the cooperation on Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Terrorist Financing (AML/CFT). The French Banks Association held a luncheon in honor of the Chairman of the Committee and the accompanying delegation.

The meetings attended by members of the National Anti-Money Laundering Committee representing Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Finance and Industry, Central Bank of the UAE, UAE Financial Intelligence Unit, Federal Customs Authority and the representative of the Economic Departments in the UAE.

Lisbon and Paris are the third and fourth stops within the tour of the Committee's Delegation to some European capitals, which is done for the purpose of an outreach and exchange of expertise on AML/CFT. The Delegation is also planning to visit London – UK, where the Delegation will meet with the concerned authorities and government institutions re AML/CFT, in the UK.

This tour is organized to emphasize the importance of the subject of Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Terrorist Financing to the UAE.