UNIDADE DE INFORMAÇÃO FINANCEIRA

FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT (FIU) Circular No. 21 of 2026

Entities operating in the national territory that fall within the scope of the AML/CFT/CPF regime are required to report suspicious transactions and activities that may be linked to money laundering (ML), terrorist financing (TF), or proliferation financing (PF) to the Financial Intelligence Unit (UIF), in accordance with Law No. 5/20 of 27 January (Law on the Prevention and Combating of Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing and Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction), and applicable UIF procedures and guidance.

Introduction

This Circular is issued in terms of Law No. 5/20 of 27 January, being the *Law on the Prevention and Combating of Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing and the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction*, and in accordance with the applicable powers and functions of the Unidade de Informação Financeira (UIF).

The UIF, as part of its continued efforts to support the Government of the Republic of Angola in mitigating Money Laundering (ML), Terrorist Financing (TF) and Proliferation Financing (PF) risks at a national level, circulates Lists derived from resolutions of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) relating to designated individuals, entities, groups, prohibited items and related materials.

Updates to these Lists are communicated through Circulars and are applicable to entities subject to the AML/CFT/CPF regime, including financial institutions, non-financial entities and any other persons or organisations operating within the national territory, in accordance with Angolan law.

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The United Nations Security Council Resolution Lists:

- 1988

Below is the link to the United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists, in respect of which entities subject to the Angolan AML/CFT/CPF framework — including financial institutions, non-financial entities and any other person, business, entity or organisation operating within the national territory — are required to take appropriate measures in accordance with Law No. 5/20 of 27 January and applicable guidance issued by the Unidade de Informação Financeira (UIF).

https://scsanctions.un.org/consolidated

The List established and maintained pursuant to Security Council Committee resolution with respect to individuals, entities and other groups as changed on **29 October 2026.**

The press release/s, which provides a detailed outline of the change can be accessed on the following link/s:

- 1988 https://press.un.org/en/2026/sc16494.doc.htm

The said lists and changes thereto, can also be accessed at:

- 1988 https://main.un.org/securitycouncil/en/sanctions/1988/materials

Entities subject to Angola's AML/CFT/CPF framework (**financial institutions and non-financial entities operating in the national territory**) are required to implement the necessary **means and mechanisms** to ensure compliance with **targeted financial sanctions** adopted under **UN Security Council (UNSC)** sanction regimes, including the application of **freezing measures** where applicable.

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Accordingly, obliged entities should conduct **name screening** (and, where applicable, screening of relevant transaction parties) for **new and existing customers/clients** and for **transactions processed**, against the **UNSC Sanctions Lists**, including all updates/amendments thereto

While the **UIF** makes available information and official access points to the UNSC sanction regimes and list updates, obliged entities remain responsible for **continuous and timeous familiarisation** with UNSC list updates and for maintaining operational readiness to implement any required restrictive measures without delay.

For practical access, the UIF provides links for **searching sanctioned individuals/entities** and for **UNSC consolidated list updates**, which entities should monitor as part of their compliance arrangements.

Where screening identifies a **match** (or indications of a match) to a designated person/entity under applicable UNSC sanction regimes, obliged entities must implement the required **freezing measures** consistent with Angola's legal requirement to freeze assets/transactions in line with UNSC sanctions.

Operationally, relevant sector guidance in Angola also indicates that where a listed name is identified, institutions should **freeze the assets immediately**, avoid initiating any business relationship, terminate existing relationships where applicable, and **inform the UIF immediately**.

***Draft action wording**:*

"Upon identification of a confirmed or potential match to a designated person or entity, the obliged entity shall, without delay, apply the relevant freezing measures and immediately notify the UIF in accordance with applicable UIF guidance and reporting channels, and also notify the law enforcement authorities."

Definition support: Angola's AML/CFT/CPF law defines "freeze" broadly as a prohibition/temporary ban on transfer, conversion, disposition or movement of funds/property owned or controlled by designated persons/entities (including where triggered by UNSC action)

Obliged entities should maintain **documented evidence** that screening has been performed (e.g., search logs/reports) and may be required to provide confirmation and supporting reports to the UIF or relevant supervisors, consistent with sector compliance expectations in Angola.

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(Angola's UIF also describes compliance monitoring and inspection activities by the UIF and sector supervisors, with administrative sanctions for non-compliance.)

For suspicious operation reporting, the UIF indicates that the responsible person should submit the **Declaração de Operação Suspeita** to: **comunicacoes@uif.ao**

For cash transaction declarations (where applicable), the UIF indicates submission to: UIF_DTN@bna.ao

The UNSC Sanctions Lists and related updates can be accessed via the UIF sanctions information page, including the UNSC search facility and official UNSC list update pages.

Enquiries may be directed to the Unidade de Informação Financeira (UIF) through the following official contact channels:

- **Telephone:**
  +244 922 407 272
  +244 922 407 373 [uif.ao]
- **Website:**
  https://www.uif.ao

Compliance with obligations arising from Law No. 5/20 is subject to **administrative oversight** by the UIF and relevant supervisory authorities, including **on-site inspections** and the potential imposition of **administrative sanctions** where an obliged entity (or person) fails to comply with the law or directives issued under it

This circular/guidance is provided as a general compliance communication and does not replace the provisions of **Law No. 5/20 of 27 January** or other applicable Angolan legislation, directives, or supervisory instructions. The content is current as at the date of issue

The information contained herein is current as at the date of this document.

Yours Sincerely,

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