

## HOW IS EMLCU ORGANIZED ?

Being an independent Unit of a special nature, EMLCU's organizational structure is as follows:

The Unit has a Council of Trustees, chaired by the Assistant Minister of Justice, responsible for devising the policy of the unit and overseeing its work.

EMLCU has an executive director responsible for carrying out its daily operations and ensuring that they are run smoothly.

**EMLCU comprises five department:**

Examination and Investigation;

- International Cooperation;
- Research;
- IT; and
- Administrative Affairs

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## WHO ARE WE ?

The Egyptian Money Laundering Combating Unit (EMLCU) is the Egyptian financial intelligence unit (FIU).

It is an independent Unit established within the Central Bank, by virtue of the Anti-Money Laundering Law promulgated by Law no. 80 for 2002.

EMLCU has become operative since September 2002, after the formation of its Council of Trustees, by virtue of Prime Minister Decree 1599.

It joined the Egmont Group in June 2004 and is one of the active members of the Outreach and Legal Working Groups of Egmont.

## WHAT IS THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK REGULATING THE FUNCTIONING OF EMLCU?

The legal framework regulating the work of the Unit consists of the following laws, presidential and prime minister decrees:

- The Anti-Money Laundering Law, promulgated by law no. 80 for 2002.
- Law no. 78 for 2003 Amending Some of the Provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering Law.

- Law no. 88 for 2003 promulgating the law on the Central Bank, Banking Sector and Money.
- Presidential Decree no. 164 for 2002, regarding the Money Laundering Combating Unit.
- Presidential Decree no. 28 for 2003, regarding the Statutes of the Money Laundering Combating Unit.
- The Executive Regulations of the Anti-Money Laundering Law, promulgated by Prime Minister Decree no. 951 for 2003.
- Prime Minister Decree no. 676 for 2004, Designating the Money Laundering Combating Unit as Member the National Committee for International Cooperation in Combating Terrorism;
- Prime Minister Decree no. 63 for 2005, regarding the Establishment of the National Committee for Coordination in Combating Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing.



## WHAT ARE THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNIT ?

Articles (4 &5) of the Anti-money Laundering Law, define the main responsibilities of the Unit as:

- Receiving suspicious transaction reports from financial institutions.
- Establishing a database for recording all available information.
- Establishing the means ensuring that such a database is accessible to judicial entities and other entities responsible for the enforcement of the AML law.
- Exchanging information with national control entities and foreign competent authorities and international organizations, in accordance with the treaties to which Egypt is a party, or according to the principle of reciprocity.
- Undertaking investigation and examination with regard to any report and information it receives concerning suspicious transactions.
- Requesting the Public Prosecutor to take provisional measures in accordance with Articles 208-a (bis), 208-b (bis) and 208-c (bis).