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REMOVAL OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE FROM THE FATF GREY LIST
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On Friday, 30 October 2026, at the close of its plenary session at the OECD headquarters in Paris, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) decided to **remove Côte d'Ivoire from the list of jurisdictions under increased monitoring**, commonly known as the ***"grey list"***.

The FATF announced this decision in an official public statement on its website. It reflects the significant progress Côte d'Ivoire has made in implementing institutional, legislative, regulatory and operational reforms to align its framework for combating money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing (AML/CFT/CPF) with international standards.

I wish to express my deep gratitude to His Excellency Mr Alassane OUATTARA, President of the Republic, whose leadership, strategic vision and guidance steered the reforms that made this major achievement possible. The FATF's decision represents international recognition of the soundness of the choices made under his authority and coordinated by the Vice-President of the Republic.

This decision honours our country and reflects the extent of the Government's efforts to adopt the reforms and ensure their effective implementation. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and all members of the Government for their leadership and for giving priority to monitoring the action plan. I also thank the presidents and heads of national and subregional institutions for their sustained commitment and decisive contribution to the successful implementation of the reforms and operational activities.

The FATF's decision also highlights the ability of Côte d'Ivoire's public administration and private sector to work together on issues of national interest and address major challenges affecting our country's credibility and standing internationally.

I commend all the technical teams in the public administration and the private sector, including members of the liberal professions, for their sustained efforts and strong sense of public duty.

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire welcomes this outcome and extends its gratitude to the FATF, the Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA), and its technical and financial partners for the quality of their guidance and support. Their contribution helped Côte d'Ivoire implement its action plan effectively and within a well-managed timeframe.

The Government observes that removal from the "grey list" further strengthens Côte d'Ivoire's international credibility and, above all, calls for continued reform and lasting consolidation of the progress achieved.

The Government will therefore continue its efforts to ensure the long-term effectiveness of the national framework for combating financial crime.

Done in Paris, on 30 October 2026.

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