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Mr. John Carlson
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The Review of the Standards - Preparation for the 4th Round of Mutual Evaluations

Dear Mr. Carlson,

We refer to a letter dated June 17, 2011 from Kevin L. Shepherd, the Chair of ABA Task Force on Gatekeeper Regulation and the Profession ("ABA Letter"). We appreciate the efforts of the FATF President and secretariat in engaging in a dialogue with the legal community in relation to the regulation of the legal profession around the world. In this regard, we support the view set out in the ABA Letter that an early meeting to discuss the revision of the Standards is imperative in order to reach a meaningful outcome.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K. Utsunomiya'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kenji Utsunomiya
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