



## **Panama signs Agreements of Understanding for Consolidated Supervision**

The Superintendency of Banks of Panama signed Agreements of Understanding for consolidated supervision with the Superintendencies of Banks of Costa Rica and El Salvador.

Pursuant to their legal norms, these nations are authorized to exercise home and host country supervision on group basis, of banks and banking groups that operate in both jurisdictions.

The undersigned Agreements aim to enhance the conditions of the information exchange, facilitate the performance of both parties' supervision functions and encourage greater stability and soundness of the banking and financial systems of their respective countries.

In this regard, new provisions were stipulated specifically with respect to the object, the definitions, information requests, onsite inspections, the exchange of information about banks or financial groups that operate in all three jurisdictions, cooperation in the prevention and combat of money laundering and terrorism financing, and the authorization of branches, subsidiaries, affiliates and representation offices.

The act took place in the framework of the Ordinary Meeting of the Central American Council of Superintendents of Banks, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions.

Mr. Francisco Lay, General Superintendent of Financial Entities of Costa Rica, and Mr. Victor A. Ramirez, Superintendent of the Financial System of El Salvador, signed the respective Agreements with the Superintendency of Panama, represented by the Bank Superintendent, Alberto Diamond R.

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