

the prevention, investigation and repression of Customs offences to maintain personal and direct relations with a view to furthering the general aims of this Convention.

Article 10

For the purposes of this Convention any Annex or Annexes to which a Contracting Party is bound shall be construed to be an integral part of the Convention, and in relation to that Contracting Party any reference to the Convention shall be deemed to include a reference to such Annex or Annexes.

Article 11

The provisions of this Convention shall not preclude the application of any more extensive mutual assistance which certain Contracting Parties grant or may grant in future.

CHAPTER V

Role of the Council and of the Permanent Technical Committee

Article 12

1. The Council shall, in accordance with the provisions of this Convention, be responsible for the administration and development of this Convention.
2. To these ends the Permanent Technical Committee shall, under the authority of the Council and in accordance with any directions given by the Council, have the following functions :
 - (a) to submit to the Council proposals for such amendments to this Convention as it may consider necessary;
 - (b) to furnish opinions on the interpretation of provisions of the Convention;
 - (c) to maintain relations with the other international organizations concerned