

- (c) provision of information, documents and other records, including judicial records and official records;
 - (d) taking evidence, including the production of articles and documents and obtaining statements of persons;
 - (e) delivery of property, including lending of exhibits;
 - (f) executing requests for search and seizure;
 - (g) making detained persons and others available to give evidence or assist investigations;
 - (h) tracing, restraining, forfeiting and confiscating the proceeds and instrumentalities of criminal activities; and
 - (i) other assistance consistent with the objects of this Agreement which is not inconsistent with the law of the Requested Party.
- (5) This Agreement is intended solely for mutual assistance between the Parties. The provisions of this Agreement shall not give rise to any right on the part of any private person to obtain, suppress or exclude any evidence or to impede the execution of a request.

ARTICLE 2

CENTRAL AUTHORITY

- (1) Each Party shall establish a Central Authority.
- (2) The Central Authority for Canada shall be the Minister of Justice or an official designated by that Minister. The Central Authority of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region shall be the Secretary for Justice or his or her duly authorized officer.
- (3) Central Authorities shall transmit and receive all requests and responses thereto for the purposes of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

EXECUTION OF REQUESTS

- (1) The Central Authority of the Requested Party shall promptly execute the request or arrange for its execution through its competent authorities.
- (2) Requests for assistance shall be executed in accordance with the law of the Requested Party and, insofar as it is not prohibited by that law, in the manner requested by the Requesting Party.
- (3) The Requested Party shall, upon request, inform the Requesting Party of the time and place of execution of the request for assistance.
- (4) The Requested Party shall promptly inform the Requesting Party of any circumstances which are likely to cause a significant delay in responding to the request.