

PART I

General Provisions

ARTICLE 1

Obligation to grant mutual assistance

1. The Contracting States shall, in accordance with this Treaty, grant each other the widest measure of mutual assistance in criminal matters.
2. Mutual assistance for the purpose of paragraph 1 of this Article shall be any assistance given by the Requested State in respect of investigations or proceedings in the Requesting State in a criminal matter, irrespective of whether the assistance is sought or to be provided by a court or some other authority.
3. Criminal matters for the purpose of paragraph 1 of this Article mean investigations or proceedings relating to any offence created by a law of a Contracting State.
4. Criminal matters shall also include investigations or proceedings relating to offences concerning taxation, duties, customs and international transfer of capital or payments.
5. Assistance shall include:
 - a) taking of evidence and obtaining of statements of persons;
 - b) provision of information, documents and other records, including criminal records, judicial records and government records;
 - c) location of persons and objects, including their identification;
 - d) search and seizure;
 - e) delivery of property, including lending of exhibits;
 - f) making detained persons and others available to give evidence or assist investigations;
 - g) service of documents, including documents seeking the attendance of persons;