

ANNEX I

**Assistance by a Customs administration
on its own initiative**

1. The Customs administration of a Contracting Party shall, on its own initiative, communicate to the Customs administration of the Contracting Party concerned, any information of a substantial nature which has come to light in the course of its normal activities and which gives good reason to believe that a serious Customs offence will be committed in the territory of the other Contracting Party. The information to be communicated shall concern, in particular, the movements of persons, goods and means of transport.
2. The Customs administration of a Contracting Party shall, where deemed appropriate, communicate on its own initiative to the Customs administration of another Contracting Party documents, reports, records of evidence or certified copies thereof in support of the information furnished under paragraph 1.
3. The Customs administration of a Contracting Party shall, on its own initiative, communicate to the Customs administration of another Contracting Party that is directly concerned, any information likely to be of material assistance to it in connexion with Customs offences and, particularly, in connexion with new means or methods of committing such offences.