

3. Communicating the laws that have already been or may subsequently be enacted in their respective States in regard to the object of the present Agreement.

The Contracting Governments shall mutually make known to one another, through the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the authority established or designated in accordance with the present article.

#### Article 2

The authority designated in article 1 shall be empowered to correspond directly with the like service established in each one of the other Contracting States.

#### Article 3

The authority designated in article 1 shall be bound, if there be nothing to the contrary in the municipal law of its country, to communicate bulletins of the sentences passed in the said country to the similar authorities of all the other Contracting States in cases of offences coming under article 1.

#### Article 4

Non-signatory States will be permitted to adhere to the present Agreement. They shall notify their intention to that effect by means of an instrument which shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall send a certified copy of the said instrument to each one of the Contracting States and to all the Members of the United Nations, and at the same time apprise them of the date of deposit.

Six months after that date, the Agreement will go into effect throughout the territory of the adhering State, which will thereby become a Contracting State.

#### Article 5

The present Agreement shall take effect six months after the date of deposit of the ratifications.

In the event of one of the Contracting States denouncing it, the denunciation would only have effect in regard to that State.

The denunciation shall be notified by an instrument which shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall send a certified copy thereof to each one of the Contracting States and to all the Members of the United Nations, and at the same time apprise them of the date of deposit.

Twelve months after that date the Agreement shall cease to be in force throughout the territory of the denouncing State.

#### Article 6

The present Agreement shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be deposited at Paris as soon as six of the Contracting States shall be in a position to do so.

A *procès-verbal* of every deposit of ratifications shall be drawn up and a certified copy thereof shall be delivered through the diplomatic channel to each one of the Contracting States.