

TREATY BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC
ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC,

DESIRING to improve the effectiveness of both countries in the prevention,
investigation and prosecution of crime through cooperation and mutual assistance in
criminal matters,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

PART I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1

OBLIGATION TO GRANT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

(1) The Contracting Parties 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 shall be any assistance given by the Requested State in respect of investigations or proceedings in the Requesting State in a criminal matter that is sought by a competent authority of that State.

"Competent Authority" means the authorities responsible for criminal investigations or prosecutions in the requesting state, including non-judicial authorities where the request is endorsed by an Attorney General or an Agent thereof.

(3) Criminal matters for the purpose of paragraph 1 mean, for the Argentine Republic, investigations or proceedings related to offenses established under penal law and, for Canada, investigations or proceedings relating to any offence created by a law of Parliament or by the legislature of a province.

(4) Criminal matters shall also include investigations or proceedings relating to offenses relating to taxes, customs, currency control and other fiscal or financial offenses.

(5) Assistance shall be provided without regard to whether or not the conduct which is the subject of investigation, prosecution or proceedings in the Requesting State would constitute an offence under the laws of the Requested State, except for search and seizure. Nevertheless, the Requested State, in the latter case, may authorize assistance to the extent permitted by its laws.