

## ARTICLE 9

### Mutual Assistance

The competent authorities and competent institutions of the two Parties, within the scope of their respective authorities, shall assist each other in implementing this Agreement. This assistance shall be free of charge.

## ARTICLE 10

### Confidentiality of Information

1. The competent authorities or competent institutions of one Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, send to the competent authorities or competent institutions of the other Party information about an individual collected under its legislation insofar as that information is necessary for the implementation of this Agreement.
2. Unless otherwise required by the laws and regulations of one Party, information about an individual which is transmitted in accordance with this Agreement to that Party by the other Party shall be used exclusively for the purpose of implementing this Agreement. Such information received by a Party shall be governed by the laws and regulations of that Party for the protection of confidentiality of personal data.

## ARTICLE 11

### Charges or Fees and Authentication

1. Insofar as the legislation of one Party, and in the case of Japan, other laws and regulations, contain provisions on an exemption or reduction of administrative charges or consular fees for documents to be submitted under the legislation of that Party, those provisions shall also apply to documents to be submitted in the application of this Agreement and the legislation of the other Party.
2. Documents which are presented for the purpose of this Agreement and the legislation of a Party shall be exempted from requirements for authentication or any other similar formality by diplomatic or consular authorities.