

8. “requesting Customs authority” shall mean the Customs authority that makes a request for assistance under this Agreement;

9. “requested Customs authority” shall mean the Customs authority that receives a request for assistance under this Agreement;

10. “requesting Party” shall mean the Party whose Customs authority requests assistance;

11. “requested Party” shall mean the Party whose Customs authority is requested to provide assistance.

ARTICLE 2

Scope of the Agreement

1. The Parties shall, through their Customs authorities, provide mutual administrative assistance, under the terms set out in this Agreement, in order to ensure the proper application of Customs laws and to prevent, investigate, prosecute and combat Customs offences.

2. The Parties shall provide assistance under this Agreement in accordance with their domestic law and administrative provisions, within the limits of their Customs authorities’ competence and available resources.

3. The provisions of this Agreement are solely intended to provide for mutual assistance in customs matters between the Parties. They do not in any way confer a right on any person to obtain, suppress or exclude evidence, or to impede the execution of a request.

4. Assistance under this Agreement shall not include the arrest or detention of persons or the collection or forced collection of customs duties, other taxes, fines, or other monies in the territory of the Party of the requested Customs authority.