

TREATY BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
ON  
MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE  
IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

DESIRING to improve the effectiveness of both  
countries in the investigation, prosecution and  
suppression of crime through cooperation and mutual  
assistance in law enforcement matters,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Treaty,

"Central Authority" means

- a) for Canada, the Minister of Justice or officials designated by him;
- b) for the United States of America, the Attorney General or officials designated by him;

"Competent Authority" means any law enforcement authority with responsibility for matters related to the investigation or prosecution of offences;

"Offence" means

- a) for Canada, an offence created by a law of Parliament that may be prosecuted upon indictment, or an offence created by the Legislature of a Province specified in the Annex;
- b) for the United States, an offence for which the statutory penalty is a term of imprisonment of one year or more, or an offence specified in the Annex;

"Public Interest" means any substantial interest related to national security or other essential public policy;

"Request" means a request made under this Treaty.