

(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.

ARTICLE II

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

1. The Parties shall provide, in accordance with the provisions of this Treaty, mutual legal assistance in all matters relating to the investigation, prosecution and suppression of offences.
2. Assistance shall include:
 - (a) examining objects and sites;
 - (b) exchanging information and objects;
 - (c) locating or identifying persons;
 - (d) serving documents;
 - (e) taking the evidence of persons;
 - (f) providing documents and records;
 - (g) transferring persons in custody;
 - (h) executing requests for searches and seizures.
3. Assistance shall be provided without regard to whether the conduct under investigation or prosecution in the Requesting State constitutes an offence or may be prosecuted by the Requested State.
4. This Treaty is intended solely for mutual legal assistance between the Parties. The provisions of this Treaty shall not give rise to a right on the part of a private party to obtain, suppress or exclude any evidence or to impede the execution of a request.

ARTICLE III

OTHER ASSISTANCE

1. The Parties, including their competent authorities, may provide assistance pursuant to other agreements, arrangements or practices.