

confidential and shall be granted the protection from disclosure provided under the law of the receiving Party with regard to such information.

2. Information, documents and other communications made available under this Agreement shall not be used for purposes other than those specified in this Agreement, except with the written consent of the Customs Administration providing the information, documents and other communications.

ARTICLE IX

Response to Requests

1. The Customs Administration of the assisting Party shall carry out all official measures necessary to respond to the request, and shall endeavour to seek any legal action necessary to carry out the request.

2. The Customs Administration of either Party shall, upon the request of the Customs Administration of the other Party, conduct any necessary investigation, including the interviewing of persons suspected of having committed an offence, as well as of experts and witnesses.

3. The Customs Administration of either Party shall, upon the request of the Customs Administration of the other Party, attempt to gather and verify information and make inspections relating to matters referred to in Article II 1. a) and b).