

Ministers also stated that the treaty fully respects Canadian standards of criminal justice. Canada may deny U.S. requests for assistance when execution of a request would be contrary to the Canadian public interest. Requests for compulsory processes such as subpoenas and search warrants will be subject to review by the courts in accordance with Canadian law.

Ministers explained that the necessary implementing legislation is now being prepared with a view to tabling before summer recess. The treaty will not be ratified or brought into force until such legislation is in place.

Ministers were pleased to note that the Provinces had been consulted regarding the provisions of the treaty, and that consultations would continue on the terms of the implementing legislation.

An annex explaining the main provisions of the treaty is attached.

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