2. The Parties shall assist each other to the extent permitted by their respective laws in proceedings related to the forfeiture of the proceeds of crime, restitution to the victims of crime, and the collection of fines imposed as a sentence in a criminal prosecution.

# ARTICLE XVIII

#### IMPROVEMENTS OF ASSISTANCE

1. The Parties agree to consult as appropriate to develop other specific agreements or arrangements, formal or informal, on mutual legal assistance.

2. The Parties may agree on such practical measures as may be necessary to facilitate the implementation of this Treaty.

## ARTICLE XIX

### RATIFICATION AND ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This Treaty shall be ratified, and the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Washington, D.C., as soon as possible.

2. This Treaty shall enter into force upon the exchange of instruments of ratification.

## ARTICLE XX

### TERMINATION

Either Party may terminate this Treaty by giving written notice to the other Party at any time. Termination shall become effective six months after receipt of such notice.

### ANNEX

The definition of offence includes offences created by the Legislature of a Province of Canada or offences under the law of the United States in the following categories:

- 1) securities;
- 2) wildlife protection;
- 3) environmental protection; and
- 4) consumer protection.