

sanctions being applied extraterritorially by foreign jurisdictions, as a result of a legal order issued by their courts being disregarded.

A treaty for judicial cooperation in criminal matters was signed between Canada and the United Kingdom on June 22, 1988. For the time being, its scope is limited to the offences related to drug trafficking. Negotiations are under way with Switzerland, France, Italy, the Federal Republic of Germany, Australia, the Bahamas and the Cayman Islands.

It can be seen that Canada is presently attempting to develop a genuine network of bilateral agreements. Moreover, Canada is presently playing an active part in the efforts to develop multilateral conventions to combat drug trafficking and terrorism, one of the main components of these conventions being precisely to establish a regime of judicial cooperation in criminal matters. In the coming years, Canada may have to examine the possibility of extending its multilateral activities to deal with series criminal matters requiring legal cooperation. Should this occur, Canada would see that the regime established by these conventions, which it would eventually wish to associate itself with, contained all the measures of appropriate protection. In fact, the legal means provided in the enabling act must be used only when Canada has determined that the requests for cooperation from another State are legitimate and well-grounded, and respect its sovereignty and its other national interests.