

ARTICLE 4**Professional and Technical Cooperation and Assistance**

1. The Customs authorities of the Parties, on their own initiative or on request, shall provide each other with information regarding:
 - (a) enforcement actions that could be useful in preventing Customs offences and, in particular, special means of combating these offences;
 - (b) new methods used to commit Customs offences;
 - (c) observations and findings resulting from the successful application of new enforcement aids and techniques;
 - (d) techniques and improved methods of processing passengers and cargo; and
 - (e) information on their respective Customs laws.

2. The Parties, through their respective Customs authorities, may seek to cooperate in, *inter alia*:
 - (a) initiating, developing or improving specific training programs for their personnel;
 - (b) establishing and maintaining channels of communication between their Customs authorities to facilitate the secure and rapid exchange of information;
 - (c) facilitating effective coordination between their Customs authorities including the exchange of personnel and experts, and the posting of liaison officers;
 - (d) considering and testing of new equipment and procedures;
 - (e) simplifying and harmonizing their respective customs procedures; and