

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Treaty,

"Central Authority" means

- (a) for Canada, the Minister of Justice or officials designated by the Minister;
- (b) for the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, the Attorney General or officials designated by the Attorney General;

"Competent Authority" means any law enforcement authority with responsibility for matters related to the investigation or prosecution of offences;

"Offence" means

- (a) for Canada, an offence created by a law of Parliament that may be prosecuted upon indictment, or an offence created by the Legislature of a Province specified in the Annex;
- (b) for the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, an offence for which the statutory penalty is a term of imprisonment of one year or more;

"Public Interest" means any substantial interest related to national security or other essential public policy;

"Request" means a request made under this Treaty.