

SCOPE OF ASSISTANCE

- The Parties shall, in accordance with this Treaty and subject to their respective domestic laws, render to one another the widest possible measure of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, namely investigations, prosecutions and resulting proceedings.
- Mutual assistance to be rendered in accordance with this Treaty may include:
 - taking of evidence or obtaining voluntary statements from persons;
 - making arrangements for persons to give evidence or to assist in criminal matters;
 - effecting service of judicial documents;
 - executing searches and seizures;
 - examining objects and sites;
 - providing original or certified copies of relevant documents, records and items of evidence;
 - identifying or tracing property derived from the commission of an offence and instrumentalities of crime;
 - the restraining of dealings in property or the freezing of property derived from the commission of an offence that may be recovered, forfeited or confiscated;
 - the recovery, forfeiture or confiscation of property derived from the commission of an offence;
 - locating and identifying witnesses and suspects; and
 - the provision of such other assistance as may be agreed and which is consistent with the objects of this Treaty and the laws of the Requested Party.

- This Treaty applies solely to the provision of mutual assistance among the Parties. The provisions of this Treaty shall not create any right on the part of any private person to obtain, suppress or exclude any evidence or to impede the execution of any request for assistance.
- For the purposes of this Treaty, the expression “instrumentalities of crime” means property used in connection with the commission of an offence or the equivalent value of such property.