

## PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIALITY

- The Requested Party shall, subject to its domestic laws, take all appropriate measures to keep confidential the request for assistance, its contents and its supporting documents, the fact of granting of such assistance and any action taken pursuant to the request. If the request cannot be executed without breaching confidentiality requirements, the Requested Party shall so inform the Requesting Party, which shall then determine whether the request should nevertheless be executed.
- The Requesting Party shall, subject to its domestic laws, take all appropriate measures to -
  - keep confidential information and evidence provided by the Requested Party, except to the extent that the evidence and information is needed for the purposes described in the request; and
  - ensure that the information and evidence is protected against loss and unauthorized access, use, modification, disclosure or other misuse.