

**TREATY WITH INDIA ON MUTUAL LEGAL
ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS**

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

TREATY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
INDIA ON MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS,
SIGNED AT NEW DELHI ON OCTOBER 17, 2001



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accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations
and ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

THE WHITE HOUSE, *April 8, 2002.*

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of India on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at New Delhi on October 17, 2001. I transmit also, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the Treaty.

The Treaty is one of a series of modern mutual legal assistance treaties that the United States has concluded or is negotiating in order to counter criminal activities more effectively. The Treaty should be an effective tool to assist in the investigation and prosecution of a wide variety of modern crimes, including terrorism-related crimes, drug trafficking, and “white collar” crimes. The Treaty is self-executing.

The Treaty provides for a broad range of cooperation in criminal matters and related proceedings. Mutual assistance available under the Treaty includes: (1) Taking the testimony or statements of persons; (2) providing documents, records, and items of evidence; (3) locating or identifying persons or items; (4) serving documents; (5) transferring persons in custody for testimony or other purposes; (6) executing requests for searches and seizures; (7) assisting in proceedings relating to seizure and forfeiture of assets, restitution, and collection of fines; and (8) rendering any other form of assistance not prohibited by the laws of the Requested State.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Treaty and give its advice and consent to ratification.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
Washington, January 9, 2002.

THE PRESIDENT: I have the honor to submit to you the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of India on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (the "Treaty"), signed at New Delhi on October 17, 2001. I recommend that the Treaty be transmitted to the Senate for its advice and consent to ratification.

The Treaty covers mutual legal assistance in criminal matters. During 2001, similar bilateral treaties entered into force with France, Egypt, Romania, Greece, South Africa, Ukraine, Brazil, and Luxembourg. This Treaty contains many provisions similar to those in these other treaties and all of the essential provisions sought by the United States. It will enhance our ability to investigate and prosecute a variety of offenses, including organized crime, terrorism-related crime, drug trafficking, economic crimes, money laundering, and other forms of white collar crime of particular interest to the law enforcement community. The Treaty is designed to be self-executing and will not require implementing legislation.

Article 1 sets out the scope of assistance available under the Treaty. Article 1(2) contains a non-exhaustive list of the major types of assistance to be provided under the Treaty, including: taking the testimony or statements of persons; providing documents, records, and items of evidence; locating or identifying persons or items; serving documents; transferring persons in custody for testimony or other purposes; executing requests for searches and seizures; assisting in proceedings related to seizure and forfeiture of assets, restitution, and collection of fines; and any other form of assistance not prohibited by the laws of the Requested State. The scope of the Treaty includes the obligation to provide assistance not only with respect to the investigation, prosecution, and prevention of criminal offenses, but also with respect to proceedings related to criminal matters, which may be civil or administrative in nature. Article 1(3) states that assistance must be provided without regard to whether the conduct that is the underlying subject to the investigation, prosecution, or proceeding in the Requesting State would constitute an offense in the Requested State. Article 1(4) makes clear that the Treaty is not designed to be utilized by non-governmental parties or institutions who seek evidence for use in private matters. Similarly, the Treaty is not intended to create any right on the part of a private person to obtain, suppress, or exclude evidence, or to impede the execution of a request.

Article 2 provides for the establishment of Central Authorities and defines the Central Authorities for purposes of the Treaty. For the United States, the Central Authority is the Attorney General or a person designated by the Attorney General. For India, the Central Authority is the Ministry of Home Affairs or a person designated by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The article also provides that the Central Authorities shall communicate directly with one another for the purposes of the Treaty.

Article 3 sets forth the circumstances under which the Requested State's Central Authority may deny assistance under the Treaty. A request may be denied if it relates to the military offense that would not be a crime under ordinary criminal law, or if its execution would prejudice the security or similar essential interests of the Requested State. In addition, a request may be denied if the request relates to a political offense (a term expected to be defined on the basis of the term's usage in extradition treaties) or is not made in conformity with the Treaty. As a number of mutual legal assistance treaties have done recently, Article 3 enumerates several serious offenses that will not be considered political offenses, including those proscribed in the three UN narcotics conventions and most of the offenses proscribed by the UN counter-terrorism conventions to which the United States is a party.

Before denying assistance under Article 3, the Central Authority of the Requested State is required to consult with its counterpart in the Requesting State to consider whether assistance can be given subject to such conditions as the Central Authority of the Requested State deems necessary. If the Requesting State accepts assistance subject to conditions, it must comply with them. If the Central Authority of the Requested State denies assistance, it must inform the Central Authority of the Requesting State of the reasons for the denial.

Article 4 prescribes the form and content of written requests under the Treaty, specifying in detail the information required to be provided to the Requested State in each case. The article permits requests to be made in other forms in urgent situations, but requires written confirmation of the request within ten days unless the Central Authority of the Requested State agrees otherwise. The article specifies further information to be provided, to the extent necessary and possible, to assist in locating individuals and items and effecting particular types of assistance. Unless otherwise agreed, all requests must be in English.

Article 5 concerns the execution of request. Article 5(1) requires the Central Authority of the Requested State to execute promptly a request, or to transmit it to the authority with jurisdiction to do so. The competent authorities of the Requested State have authority to issue subpoenas, search warrants, or other orders necessary to execute the request. Under article 5(2), the Central Authority of the Requested State must make all necessary arrangements for the representation in the Requested State of the Requesting State in any proceedings arising out of a request.

Under Article 5(3), requests are to be executed in accordance with the laws of the Requested State unless the Treaty provides otherwise. However, the method of execution specified in the request shall be followed except insofar as it is prohibited by the laws

of the Requested State. Pursuant to Article 5(4), the Requested State cannot decline execution of a request on the ground of bank secrecy.

If the Central Authority of the Requested State determines that execution of the request would interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation, prosecution, or proceeding, Article 5(5) authorizes it to postpone execution, or after consultations with the Requesting State, impose conditions on such execution. If the Requesting State accepts assistance subject to such conditions, it must comply with them.

Article 5 further requires the Requested State to use its best effort to keep confidential a request and its contents, if so requested, and to inform the Requesting State if the request cannot be executed without breaching confidentiality. The Requested State must also inform the Requesting State of the outcome of the request's execution and provide explanations for any denial, delay, or postponement.

Article 6 appropriations between the two States the costs incurred in executing a request. It Provides that the Requested State must pay all costs, including the costs of representation, except for the fees of expert witnesses, translation costs, and travel expenses, which are the responsibility of the Requesting State, at the Requested State's request, not to use any information or evidence obtained under the Treaty for purposes unrelated to the investigation, prosecution, or proceedings described in the request without the prior consent of the Requested State. If the Requested State requests that information or evidence furnished be kept confidential, or be used subject to terms and conditions, the Requesting State is required to use its best efforts to comply with the conditions specified. However, the Article states that nothing in Article 7 precludes the use or disclosure of information or evidence that is exculpatory to a defendant in a criminal prosecution. The Requested State must be notified in advance of any such use or disclosure. Once information is made public in the Requesting State in accordance with the Treaty, no further limitations on use apply.

Article 8 provides that the Requested State must compel, if necessary, the taking of testimony or production of documents or other evidence in its territory on behalf of the Requesting State. The article requires the Requested State, upon request, to inform the Requesting State in advance of the date and place of the taking of testimony or evidence.

Article 8(3) requires the Requested State to permit the presence of any persons specified in the request (such as the accused, counsel for the accused, or other interested persons) and to permit such persons to pose questions to be asked of the person whose testimony or evidence is being taken. In the event that a person whose testimony or evidence is being taken asserts a claim of immunity, incapacity, or privilege under the laws of the Requesting State, Article 8(4) provides that the testimony or evidence is still to be taken and the claim made known to the Requesting State for resolution by its authorities.

Finally, Article 8(5) states that evidence produced pursuant to this article or that has been the subject of testimony under this article shall be transmitted in a form or with a certification requested

by the Requesting State in order to make it admissible in the Requesting State. The Treaty includes two forms that may be used when the United States is the Requesting Party in this scenario. Article 8(5) states that both the documents provided and the forms will be admissible in evidence in the United States. Form A is for certification of business records and Form B is for certification of the absence or nonexistence of business records.

Article 9 requires that the Requested State provide the Requesting State with copies of publicly available records or information of government departments and agencies. Under Article 9(2), the Requested State may further provide copies of other records or information in the possession of a government department or agency but not publicly available, to the same extent and under the same conditions as it would to its own law enforcement or judicial authorities. Upon request, records produced pursuant to this article must be authenticated by the official of the Requested State who is responsible for maintaining them, and then transmitted in a form or with a certification requested by the Requesting State in order to make them admissible in the Requesting State. The Treaty includes two additional forms that may be used when the United States is the Requesting State in this scenario. Article 9(3) states that both the document provided and each form will be admissible in evidence in the United States. Form C is for attesting to the authenticity of official government records and Form D is for certification of the absence or nonexistence of official government records.

Article 10 provides a mechanism for the Requesting State to invite the voluntary appearance and testimony of a person located in the Requested State and to indicate the extent to which expenses will be paid. The Central Authority of the Requested State is required to invite the person to appear and to promptly inform the Central Authority of the Requesting State of the person's response. Under Article 10(2), the person appearing in the Requesting State is protected from service of process, detention, or restriction of personal liberty, by reason of any acts or convictions preceding that person's departure from the Requested State. As Article 10(3) details, such "safe conduct" ceases ten days after the Central Authority of the Requesting State gives notice to the Central Authority of the Requested State that the person's presence is no longer required, or if the person voluntarily returns to the Requesting State after leaving it. The Requesting State may extend this period for up to twenty days.

Article 11 provides for the voluntary transfer to the territory of one State of a person in custody in the other State for purposes of assistance under the Treaty, provided that the person in question and both Central Authorities agree. The article establishes the express authority and the obligation of the receiving State to maintain the person transferred in custody unless otherwise authorized by the sending State. It further obligates the receiving State to return the person to the sending State as soon as circumstances permit or as otherwise agreed by the Central Authorities, without the need for extradition proceedings. The person transferred will receive credit for the service of the sentence imposed in the sending State for time served in the custody of the receiving State.

Article 12 provides that the Requested State may authorize transit through its territory of a person held in custody by the Requesting State or a third State, when that person's appearance was requested by the Requesting State in an investigation, prosecution, or proceeding. The Requested State must keep the person in custody during transit.

Article 13 requires the Requested State to use its best efforts to ascertain the location or identity of persons or items specified in a request.

Article 14 requires the Requested State to use its best efforts to effect service of any documents relating, in whole or in part, to a request under the Treaty. The article further requires that the Requesting State transmit any request for the service of a document requiring a person to appear before an authority in the Requesting State within a reasonable time before the scheduled appearance. The Requested State is required to return proof of service in the manner specified in the request.

Article 15 obligates the Requested State to execute requests for search, seizure, and delivery of any item to the Requesting State if the request includes the information justifying such action under the laws of the Requested State. The article further provides for the certification of the identity of the item, continuity of custody, and any changes in its condition. When the United States is the Requesting Party, the only certification required is the completion of Form E, found at the end of the Treaty, which form will be admissible in evidence in the United States. In addition, Article 15 provides that the Central Authority of the Requested State may impose conditions on the transfer of the seized items to protect third-party interests in the items being transferred.

Article 16 obliges the Central Authority of the Requesting State to return to the Requested State any documents, records, or other items furnished under the Treaty, if the Central Authority of the Requested State requires their return.

Article 17 provides that, if the Central Authority of one State becomes aware of proceeds or instrumentalities of crimes that are located in the territory of the other State and that may be forfeitable or otherwise subject to seizure under the laws of that other State, it may so inform the other State. If the State receiving such information has jurisdiction in this regard, it may present this information to its authorities for a determination whether any action is appropriate. The Central Authority of the State receiving such information is required to inform the Central Authority of the State that provided the information of any action taken. Article 17 also obligates the States to assist one another to the extent permitted by their respective laws in proceedings involving the forfeiture of the proceeds and instrumentalities of offenses, restitution to the victims of crime, and collection of fines imposed as criminal sentences. The State having custody over proceeds or instrumentalities of offenses must dispose of them in accordance with its laws. Either State may transfer to the other State all or part of such assets, or the proceeds of their sale, to the extent permitted under the transferring State's laws and upon such terms as it deems appropriate.

Article 18 states that assistance and procedures provided in the Treaty will not prevent the granting of assistance under any other

applicable international agreements. The article also states that the Treaty shall not prevent the granting of assistance available under the national laws of either State, or pursuant to any bilateral arrangement, agreement, or practice that may be applicable.

Article 19 provides that the Central Authorities of the two States must consult, at time mutually agreed upon, concerning the most effective means to implement the provisions of the Treaty.

Article 20 provides that the Treaty is subject to ratification and shall enter into force upon exchange of instruments of ratification. The article also provides that the Treaty will apply to any request presented after its entry force, even if the relevant acts or omissions occurred prior to the date the Treaty entered into force. In addition, Article 20 further provides that either State may terminate the Treaty by written notice to the other State, such termination to take effect six months following the date of notification.

A Technical Analysis explaining in detail the provisions of the Treaty is being prepared by the United States negotiating delegation, consisting of representatives from the Departments of Justice and State, and will be transmitted separately to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Department of Justice joins the Department of State in recommending approval of this Treaty by the Senate as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

COLIN L. POWELL.

TREATY BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
ON MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

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The Government of the United States of America and The Government of the Republic of India, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties, desiring to improve the effectiveness of the law enforcement authorities of both states in the investigation, prosecution, prevention, and suppression of crimes, including those relating to terrorism, narcotics trafficking, economic crimes, and organized crime, through cooperation and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1
Scope of Assistance

1. The Contracting Parties shall provide the widest measure of mutual assistance to each other, in accordance with the provisions of this Treaty, in connection with the investigation, prosecution, prevention and suppression of offenses, and in proceedings related to criminal matters.
2. Assistance shall include:
 - a) taking the testimony or statements of persons;
 - b) providing documents, records, and items of evidence;
 - c) locating or identifying persons or items;
 - d) serving documents;
 - e) transferring persons in custody for testimony or other purposes;
 - f) executing requests for searches and seizures;
 - g) assisting in proceedings related to seizure and forfeiture of assets, restitution, collection of fines; and
 - h) any other form of assistance not prohibited by the laws of the Requested State.
3. Assistance shall be provided without regard to whether the conduct that is the subject of the investigation, prosecution, or proceeding in the Requesting State would constitute an offense under the laws of the Requested State.
4. This Treaty is intended solely for mutual legal assistance between the Contracting Parties. The provisions of this Treaty shall not give rise to a right on the part of any private person to obtain, suppress, or exclude any evidence, or to impede the execution of a request.

Article 2
Central Authorities

1. Each Contracting Party shall designate a Central Authority to make and receive requests pursuant to this Treaty.
2. For the United States of America, the Central Authority shall be the Attorney General or a person designated by the Attorney General. For India, the Central Authority shall be the Ministry of Home Affairs or a person designated by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
3. The Central Authorities shall communicate directly with one another for the purpose of this Treaty.

Article 3

Limitations on Assistance

1. The Central Authority of the Requested State may deny assistance if:
 - a) the request relates to an offense under military law that would not be an offense under ordinary criminal law;
 - b) the execution of the request would prejudice the security or similar essential interests of the Requested State;
 - c) the request relates to a political offense; or
 - d) the request is not made in conformity with the Treaty.
2. For the purposes of this Treaty, the following offenses shall not be considered to be political offenses:
 - a) a murder or other willful crime against the person of a Head of State or Head of Government of one of the Contracting Parties, or of a member of the Head of State's or head of Government's family;
 - b) aircraft hijacking offenses, as described in The Hague Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, done at The Hague on December 16, 1970;
 - c) acts of aviation sabotage, as described in the Montreal Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation, done at Montreal on September 23, 1971;
 - d) crimes against internationally protected persons, including diplomats, as described in the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, done at New York on December 14, 1973;
 - e) hostage taking as described in the International Convention Against the taking of Hostages, done at New York on December 17, 1979;
 - f) offenses related to illegal drugs, as described in the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, done at New York on March 30, 1961, the Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, done at Geneva on March 25, 1972, and the United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, done at Vienna on December 20, 1988;
 - g) any other offense within the scope of a multilateral terrorism convention to which both Contracting Parties are a party; and

- h) a conspiracy or attempt to commit any of the foregoing offenses, or aiding or abetting a person who commits or attempts to commit such offenses.

3. Before denying assistance pursuant to this Article, the Central Authority of the Requested State shall consult with the Central Authority of the Requesting State to consider whether assistance can be given subject to such conditions as it deems necessary. If the Requesting State accepts assistance subject to these conditions, it shall comply with the conditions.

4. If the Central Authority of the Requested State denies assistance, it shall inform the Central Authority of the Requesting State of the reasons for the denial.

Article 4

Form and Contents of Requests

1. A request for assistance shall be made in writing except that the Central Authority of the Requested State may accept a request made otherwise in urgent situations. If the request is not in writing, it shall be confirmed in writing within ten days thereafter unless the Central Authority of the Requested State agrees otherwise. The request shall be in English unless otherwise agreed.

2. The request shall include the following:

- a) the name of the authority conducting the investigation, prosecution, or proceeding to which the request relates;
- b) a description of the subject matter and nature of the investigation, prosecution, or proceeding, including the specific criminal offenses which relate to the matter;
- c) a description of the evidence, information, or other assistance sought;
- and
- d) a statement of the purpose for which the evidence, information, or other assistance is sought.

3. To the extent necessary and possible, a request shall also include:

- a) information on the identity and location of any person from whom evidence is sought;

- b) information on the identity and location of a person to be served, that person's relationship to the proceedings, and the manner in which service is to be made;
- c) information on the identity and suspected location of a person or item to be located;
- d) a precise description of the place or person to be searched and of the items to be seized;
- e) a description of the manner in which any testimony or statement is to be taken and recorded;
- f) a list of questions to be asked of a witness;
- g) a description of any particular procedure to be followed in executing the request;
- h) information as to the allowances and expenses to which a person asked to appear in the Requesting State will be entitled; and
- i) any other information that may be brought to the attention of the Requested State to facilitate its execution of the request.

Article 5

Execution of Requests

1. The Central Authority of the Requested State shall promptly execute the request or, when appropriate, shall transmit it to the authority having jurisdiction to do so. The competent authorities of the Requested State shall do everything in their power to execute the request. The Courts of the Requested State shall have authority to issue subpoenas, search warrants, or other orders necessary to execute the request.

2. The Central Authority of the Requested State shall make all necessary arrangements for the representation in the Requested State of the Requesting State in any proceedings arising out of a request for assistance.

3. Requests shall be executed in accordance with the laws of the Requested State except to the extent that this Treaty provides otherwise. The method of execution specified in the request shall be followed except insofar as it is prohibited by the laws of the Requested State.

4. The Requested State shall not decline execution of a request on the ground of bank secrecy.

5. If the Central Authority of the Requested State determines that execution of a request would interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation, prosecution, or proceeding in that State, it may postpone execution, or make execution subject to conditions determined necessary after consultations with the Central Authority of the Requesting State. If the Requesting State accepts the assistance subject to the conditions, it shall comply with the conditions.

6. The Requested State shall use its best efforts to keep confidential a request and its contents if such confidentiality is requested by the Central Authority of the Requesting State. If the request cannot be executed without breaching such confidentiality, the Central Authority of the Requested State shall so inform the Central Authority of the Requesting State, which shall then determine whether the request should nevertheless be executed.

7. The Central Authority of the Requested State shall respond to reasonable inquiries by the Central Authority of the Requesting State on progress toward execution of the request.

8. The Central Authority of the Requested State shall promptly inform the Central Authority of the Requesting State of the outcome of the execution of the request. If execution of the request is denied, delayed, or postponed, the Central Authority of the Requested State shall inform the Central Authority of the Requesting State of the reasons for the denial, delay, or postponement.

Article 6

Costs

The Requested State shall pay all costs relating to the execution of the request, including the costs of representation, except for the fees of expert witnesses, the costs of translation, interpretation, and transcription, and the allowances and expenses related to travel of persons pursuant to Articles 10 and 11, which costs, fees, allowances, and expenses shall be paid by the Requesting State.

Article 7

Limitations on Use

1. The Central Authority of the Requested State may request that the Requesting State not use any information or evidence obtained under this Treaty in any investigation,

prosecution, or proceeding other than that described in the request without the prior consent of the Central Authority of the Requested State. If the Requested State makes such a request, the Requesting State shall comply with the conditions.

2. The Central Authority of the Requested State may request that information or evidence furnished under this Treaty be kept confidential or be used only subject to terms and conditions it may specify. If the Requesting State accepts the information or evidence subject to such conditions, the Requesting State shall use its best efforts to comply with the conditions.

3. Nothing in this Article shall preclude the use or disclosure of information or evidence to the extent that such information or evidence is exculpatory to a defendant in a criminal prosecution. The Requesting State shall notify the Requested State in advance of any such proposed disclosure.

4. Information or evidence that has been made public in the Requesting State pursuant to paragraph 1 or 2 may thereafter be used for any purpose.

Article 8

Testimony or Evidence in the Requested State

1. A person in the Requested State from whom evidence is requested pursuant to this Treaty shall be compelled, if necessary, to appear and testify or produce items, including documents and records.

2. Upon request, the Central Authority of the Requested State shall furnish information in advance about the date and place of the taking of the testimony or evidence pursuant to this Article.

3. The Requested State shall permit the presence of specified persons during the execution of the request, and shall allow such persons to pose questions to be asked of the person giving the testimony or evidence.

4. If the person referred to in paragraph 1 asserts a claim of immunity, incapacity, or privilege under the laws of the Requesting State, the evidence shall nonetheless be taken and the claim made known to the Central Authority of the Requesting State for resolution by the authorities of that State.

5. Insofar as not prohibited by the law of the Requested State, evidence which has been produced in the Requested State pursuant to this Article or which has been the subject of testimony taken under this Article shall be transmitted in a form or accompanied by such certification as may be requested by the Requesting State in order to make it admissible according to the law of the Requesting State. Where the United States is the Requesting State,

such documents shall, upon request, be authenticated by Form A and the absence or nonexistence of such records shall, upon request, be certified by Form B. Such documents and forms shall be admissible in evidence in the United States.

Article 9
Records of Government Agencies

1. The Requested State shall provide the Requesting State with copies of publicly available records related to the request, including documents or information in any form, in the possession of government departments and agencies in the Requested State.

2. The Requested State may provide copies of any records related to the request, including documents or information in any form, that are in the possession of a government department or agency in that State but which are not publicly available, to the same extent and under the same conditions as such records would be available to the Requested State's own law enforcement or judicial authorities. The Requested State may in its discretion deny, entirely or in part, a request pursuant to this paragraph.

3. Insofar as not prohibited by the laws of the Requested State, records produced pursuant to this Article shall, upon request, be authenticated by the official responsible for maintaining them and transmitted in a form or accompanied by such certification as may be requested by the Requesting State in order to make them admissible according to the law of the Requesting State. Where the United States is the Requesting State, such documents shall, upon request, be authenticated by Form C and the absence or nonexistence of such records shall, upon request, be certified by Form D. Such documents and forms shall be admissible in evidence in the United States.

Article 10
Appearance Outside the Requested State

1. When the Requesting State requests the appearance of a person outside the Requested State, the Requested State shall invite the person to so appear. The Requesting State shall indicate the extent to which the person's expenses will be paid. The Central Authority of the Requested State shall promptly inform the Central Authority of the Requesting State of the person's response.

2. A person appearing in the Requesting State pursuant to this article shall not be subject to service of process, or be detained or subjected to any restriction of personal liberty, by reason of any acts or convictions which preceded that person's departure from the Requested State.

3. The safe conduct provided for by this Article shall cease ten days after the Central Authority of the Requesting State has notified the Central Authority of the Requested State that the person's presence is no longer required, or when the person, having left the Requesting State, voluntarily returns to it. The Central Authority of the Requesting State may, in its discretion, extend this period up to twenty days for it determines that there is good cause to do so.

Article 11

Transfer of Persons in Custody

1. A person in the custody of the Requested State whose presence in the Requesting State is sought for purposes of assistance under this Treaty shall be transferred from the Requested State for that purpose if the person consents and if the Central Authorities of both States agree.

2. A person in the custody of the Requesting State whose presence in the Requested State is sought for purposes of assistance under this Treaty may be transferred from the Requesting State to the Requested State if the person consents and if the Central Authorities of both States agree.

3. For purposes of this Article:

- a) the receiving State shall have the authority and the obligation to keep the person transferred in custody unless otherwise authorized by the sending State;
- b) the receiving State shall return the person transferred to the custody of the sending State as soon as circumstances permit or as otherwise agreed by both Central Authorities;
- c) the receiving State shall not require the sending State to initiate extradition proceedings for the return of the person transferred; and
- d) the person transferred shall receive credit for service of the sentence imposed in the sending State for time served in the custody of the receiving State.

Article 12

Transit of Persons in Custody

1. The Requested State may authorize the transit through its territory of a person held in custody, by the Requesting State or a third State, whose personal appearance has been requested by the Requesting State in an investigation, prosecution, or proceeding.
2. The Requested State shall have the authority and the obligation to keep the person in custody during transit.

Article 13

Location or Identification of Persons or Items

If the Requesting State seeks the location or identity of persons or items in the Requested State, the Requested State shall use its best efforts to ascertain such location or identity.

Article 14

Service of Documents

1. The Requested State shall use its best efforts to effect service of any document relating, in whole or in part, to any request for assistance made by the Requesting State under the provisions of this Treaty.
2. The Requesting State shall transmit any request for the service of a document requiring the appearance of a person before an authority in the Requesting State within a reasonable time before the scheduled appearance.
3. The Requested State shall return a proof of service in the manner specified in the Request.

Article 15
Search and Seizure

1. The Requested State shall execute a request for the search, seizure, and delivery of any item to the Requesting State if the request includes the information justifying such action under the laws of the Requested State.
2. Upon request, every official who has custody of a seized item shall certify the identity of the item, the continuity of custody, and any changes in its condition. For the United States such certification shall, upon request, be made through the use of Form E and shall be admissible in evidence in the United States. No further certification shall be required.
3. The Central Authority of the Requested State may require that the Requesting State agree to terms and conditions deemed necessary to protect third party interests in the item to be transferred.

Article 16
Return of Items

The Central Authority of the Requested State may require that the Central Authority of the Requesting State return any items, including documents and records, furnished to it in execution of a request under this Treaty.

Article 17
Assistance in Forfeiture Proceedings

1. If the Central Authority of one Contracting Party becomes aware of proceeds or instrumentalities of crimes which are located in the territory of the other Contracting Party and may be forfeitable or otherwise subject to seizure under the laws of that Contracting Party, it may so inform the Central Authority of the other Contracting Party. If that other Contracting Party has jurisdiction in this regard, it may present this information to its authorities for a determination whether any action is appropriate. These authorities shall issue their decision in accordance with the laws of their country, and shall, through their Central Authority, report to the other Contracting Party on the action taken.
2. The Contracting Parties shall assist each other to the extent permitted by their respective laws in proceedings relating to the forfeiture of the proceeds and instrumentalities of

offenses, restitution to the victims of crime, and the collection of fines imposed as sentences in criminal prosecutions. This may include, as appropriate under the laws of the Requested State, action to temporarily restrain, attach, immobilize, or seize the proceeds or instrumentalities pending further proceedings.

3. The Contracting Party that has custody over proceeds or instrumentalities of offenses shall dispose of them in accordance with its laws. Either Contracting Party may transfer all or part of such assets, or the proceeds of their sale, to the other Contracting Party, to the extent permitted by the transferring Party's laws and upon such terms as it deems appropriate.

Article 18 Compatibility with Other Treaties

Assistance and procedures set forth in this Treaty shall not prevent either Contracting Party from granting assistance to the other Contracting Party through the provisions of other applicable international agreements, or through the provisions of its national laws. Either Contracting Party may also provide assistance pursuant to any bilateral arrangement, agreement, or practice that may be applicable.

Article 19 Consultation

The Central Authorities of the Contracting Parties shall consult, at times mutually agreed to by them, to promote the most effective use of this Treaty. The Central Authorities may also agree on such practical measures as may be necessary to facilitate the implementation of this Treaty.

Article 20 Ratification, Entry Into Force, and Termination

1. This Treaty shall be subject to ratification, and the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged as soon as possible.

2. This Treaty shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of instruments of ratification.

3. This Treaty shall apply to any request presented after the date of its entry into force whether the relevant acts or omissions occurred prior to or after that date.

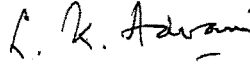
4. Either Contracting Party may terminate this Treaty by means of written notice to the other Contracting Party. Termination shall take effect six months following the date of notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Treaty.

DONE at New Delhi, this 17th day of October, 2001, in duplicate, in the English and the Hindi languages. In case of divergence between the two texts, the English text shall prevail.



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA:

Form A

CERTIFICATION OF BUSINESS RECORDS

I, _____ *(name)* _____, attest on penalty of criminal punishment for false statement or attestation that I am employed by/associated with _____ *(name of business from which documents are sought)* _____ and that my official title is _____ *(official title)* _____. I further state that each of the records attached hereto is the original or a duplicate of the original record in the custody of _____ *(name of business from which documents are sought)* _____.

I further state that:

- A) such records were made, at or near the time of the occurrence of the matters set forth, by (or from information transmitted by) a person with knowledge of those matters;
- B) such records were kept in the course of a regularly conducted business activity;
- C) the business activity made such records as a regular practice; and
- D) if any such record is not the original, is a duplicate of the original.

_____ *(signature)* _____ *(date)* _____

Sworn to or affirmed before me, _____ *(name)* _____, a judicial officer, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Form B

CERTIFICATION OF ABSENCE OR NONEXISTENCE OF BUSINESS RECORDS

I, _____ *(Name)*, attest on penalty of criminal punishment for false statement or attestation that I am employed by/associated with _____ *(Name of business from which documents are sought)* in the position of _____ *(Business position or title)* and by reason of my position am authorized and qualified to make this attestation.

As a result of my employment / association with the above-named business, I am familiar with the business records it maintains. The business maintains records that are:

- A) made, at or near the time of the occurrence of the matters set forth, by (or from information transmitted by) a person with knowledge of those matters;
- B) kept in the course of a regularly conducted business activity; and
- C) made or kept by the business as a regular practice.

Among the records so maintained are records of individuals and entities that have accounts or otherwise transact business with the above-named business. I have made or caused to be made a diligent search of those records. No records have been found reflecting any business activity between the business and the following individuals and entities:

(Date of execution)

(Place of execution)

(Signature)

Form C

ATTESTATION OF AUTHENTICITY OF FOREIGN PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

I, _____ *[Name]*, attest on penalty of criminal punishment for false statement or attestation that my position with the Government of _____ *[Country]* is _____ *[Official Title]* and that in that position I am authorized by law to attest that the documents attached and described below are true and accurate copies of original official records which are recorded or filed in of _____ *[Name of office or agency]*, which is a government office or agency of _____ *[Country]*.

Description of Documents:

_____ *[Signature]*

_____ *[Title]*

_____ *[Date]*

Form D

CERTIFICATION OF ABSENCE OR NONEXISTENCE OF OFFICIAL RECORDS

I, _____ *(name)*, attest on penalty of criminal punishment for false statement or attestation that:

1. _____ *(name of office or agency)* is a government office or agency of _____ *(country)* and is authorized by law to maintain official records setting forth matters authorized by law to be reported and recorded or filed;
2. records of the type described below set forth matters that are authorized by law to be reported and recorded or filed, and such matters regularly are recorded or filed by the above-named public authority;
3. my position with the above-named public authority is _____ *(title)*;
4. in my official capacity I have caused the production of true and accurate copies of records maintained by that public authority; and
5. no such records have been found to exist therein.

Description of Documents:

(Signature)

(Date)

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Form E

ATTESTATION WITH RESPECT TO SEIZED ITEMS

I, _____ *[name]* _____, attest on penalty of criminal punishment for false statement or attestation that my position with the Government of _____ *[country]* _____ is _____ *[official title]* _____. I received custody of the items listed below from _____ *[name of person]* _____ on _____ *[date]* _____ at _____ *[place]* _____ in the same condition as when I received them (or, if different, as noted below).

Description of items:

Changes in condition while in my custody:

_____ *[signature]* _____

_____ *[title]* _____

_____ *[place]* _____

_____ *[date]* _____