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and
St. Vincent and the Grenadines**

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TREATY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
ON
MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

The Government of the United States of America and the
Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,

Desiring to improve the effectiveness of the law
enforcement authorities of both countries in the investigation,
prosecution, and prevention of 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 mutual assistance, in accordance with the provisions of this Treaty, in connection with the investigation, prosecution, and prevention of criminal 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 articles of evidence;
- (c) locating or identifying persons;
- (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 immobilization 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. Except as otherwise provided in this Treaty, assistance shall be provided without regard to whether the conduct which 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 in criminal matters between the Parties as set forth in paragraph (1) above. 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 the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Central Authority shall be the Attorney General or a person designated by the Attorney General.

3. The Central Authorities shall communicate directly with one another for the purposes 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 which would not be an offense under ordinary criminal law;
- (b) the execution of the request would prejudice the security or other essential public interests of the Requested State;
- (c) the request is not made in conformity with the Treaty;
- (d) the request relates to a political offense;
- (e) the request is made pursuant to Article 14 or 16 of this Treaty and relates to conduct which if committed in the Requested State would not be an offense in that State; or
- (f) the execution of the request would be contrary to the Constitution of the Requested State.