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and  
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**Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Hellenic Republic on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters (with forms). Washington, 26 May 1999**

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[ ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

**Treaty Between  
The Government of the United States of America  
and  
The Government of the Hellenic Republic  
on  
Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters**

**The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the  
Hellenic Republic,**

**Desiring to further enhance 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 Parties shall provide mutual assistance, in accordance with the provisions of this Treaty, in connection with the investigation, prosecution, and prevention 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 other items;**
  - (c) locating or identifying persons or items;**
  - (d) serving documents;**
  - (e) transferring persons in custody for testimony or other purposes;**
  - (f) executing 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 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 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 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 Hellenic Republic, the Central Authority shall be the Ministry of Justice or a person designated by the Minister of Justice.**
- 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 a political offense or 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; or**
  - (c) the request is not made in conformity with the Treaty.**
- 2. 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.**

**3. If the Central Authority of the Requested State denies assistance pursuant to this Article, 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 in writing. In urgent situations, the written request may be transmitted by the most rapid available means. The request shall be confirmed in 20 days, if necessary. The request shall be in the language of the Requested State 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 that 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 proceeding, and the manner in which service is to be made;**