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**United States of America  
and  
Cyprus**

**Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters (with forms). Nicosia, 20 December 1999**

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

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

**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 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 Republic of Cyprus, the Central Authority shall be the Minister of Justice and Public Order or a person designated by the Minister.**
- 3. The Central Authorities shall communicate directly with one another for the purposes of this Treaty.**
- 4. In cases of urgency the Central Authorities may transmit requests through the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL).**

**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;**
  - (c) the execution of the request would violate the Constitution of the Requested State or the obligations of the Requested State under any international multilateral treaty relating to human rights; or**
  - (d) the request is not made in conformity with the Treaty.**