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EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Swiss Confederation, desiring to provide for more effective cooperation between the two States in the repression of crime and to facilitate the relations between the two States in the area of extradition, Have agreed as follows:

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Article 1

Obligation to Extradite

- The Contracting Parties agree to extradite to each other, subject to the provisions of this Treaty, persons whom the competent authorities of the Requesting State have charged with or found guilty of an extraditable offense or persons who are wanted for the carrying out of a detention order.
- With respect to an offense committed outside the territory of the Requesting State, the Requested State shall grant extradition if:
 - (a) its law would provide for the punishment of such an offense in similar circumstances; or
 - (b) the person sought is a national of the Requesting State or is wanted for an offense against a national of the Requesting State.

Article 2

Extraditable Offenses

 An offense shall be an extraditable offense only if it is punishable under the laws of both Contracting Parties by deprivation of liberty for a period exceeding one year. When the request for extradition relates to a person who has been convicted, extradition shall be granted only if the duration of the penalty or detention order, or their aggregate, still to be served amounts to at least six months.

- 2. For the purpose of this Article, it shall not matter:
 - (a) whether the laws of the Contracting Parties define the criminal act as the same offense; or
 - (b) whether the offense is one for which United States federal law requires proof of interstate transportation, or use of the mails or of other facilities affecting interstate or foreign commerce, such matters being merely for the purpose of establishing jurisdiction in a United States federal court.
- 3. Subject to the conditions set out in paragraphs 1 and 2, extradition shall also be granted for attempting or participating in the commission of an offense and for conspiring to commit an offense when the underlying criminal act is also a violation of Swiss federal law.