Elements on a provision on international cooperation and assistance

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

1. States Parties shall encourage and facilitate international cooperation, including the exchange of information on matters regarding the implementation and application of this Treaty.

2. States Parties shall cooperate closely with one another, consistent with their respective domestic legal and administrative systems, to ensure the effective implementation of this Treaty and the abilities of States Parties to suppress violations of the provisions of this Treaty.

3. Each State Party shall establish one or more national points of contact to facilitate cooperation and information exchange between States Parties, and to liaise on all matters relating to the implementation of this Treaty. A State Party shall notify the Implementation Support Unit (see Article XX) of its national contact point(s).

4. Communication between national points of contact is encouraged to support the application and implementation of this Treaty.

5. Each State Party is encouraged to maintain consultations, as necessary, and to share information regarding the implementation of this Treaty. In accordance with their domestic legislation requests for consultation or information shall be made in writing to the relevant national contact points.

6. States Parties shall, when appropriate and in accordance with applicable agreements or arrangements and their domestic laws and regulations, afford one another the widest measure of mutual legal assistance in investigations, prosecutions and judicial proceedings in relation to the violations of the national measures implemented to comply with obligations under this Treaty.

7. States Parties are encouraged to undertake information exchange on best practices in relation to any aspect of this Treaty.

International Assistance
In implementing the provisions of this Treaty, each State Party is encouraged to offer or receive assistance, inter alia, through the United Nations, international, regional, subregional or national organizations, non-governmental organizations, or on a bilateral basis.

States Parties in a position to do so are encouraged to provide assistance, including technical, legal and financial assistance to other States Parties in support of the implementation of the provisions of this Treaty.