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

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

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. 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.**