(3) "Serious crime" shall mean, for the purpose of implementing this Agreement, conduct constituting an offense punishable by death, life imprisonment, or deprivation of liberty for a maximum period of more than one year and that is described in Annex I of this Agreement, which forms an integral part of this Agreement, or any other conduct constituting an offense punishable by death, life imprisonment, or deprivation of liberty for a maximum period of at least three years by the laws and regulations of the country of at least one of the Parties (for Article 4 or 8, the Party that queries or uses information).

Article 2
Purpose

The Parties shall cooperate with each other under the framework established herein to exchange information, including personal data, (hereinafter referred to as "information") to be utilized for the purpose of preventing, detecting, and investigating serious crime, particularly terrorism, with the objective of enhancing the security of nationals of both countries, while further facilitating secure international travel under their respective visa waiver programs.

Article 3
National Contact Points

1. Each Party shall designate one or more national contact points that are to perform the functions provided for in this Agreement.

2. Each Party shall notify the other Party of its national contact points through diplomatic channels.

3. The national contact points of the Parties shall communicate directly with one another in accordance with this Agreement.

4. The national contact points of the Parties shall perform the functions provided for in this Agreement in conformity with the requirements of this Agreement.

Article 4
Automated Querying of Fingerprint Data

1. For providing information to prevent, detect, and investigate serious crime, each Party shall permit the other Party's national contact points to initiate automated querying.

2. For the purpose of automated querying, each Party shall make available to the other Party fingerprint data as provided for in Annex II of this Agreement, which forms an integral part of this Agreement.

3. The national contact point of each Party may initiate automated querying on fingerprint data of an individual for the prevention, detection, and investigation of serious crime only if particular circumstances give reason to inquire whether the individual will commit or has committed a serious crime.

4. An automated fingerprint identification system for automated querying shall be established by each Party in accordance with the laws and regulations of its country. When automated querying is initiated, the queried Party's system will respond automatically to the querying contact point either that there is a match, with a corresponding reference number, or that there is no match, according to the result of the comparison of the fingerprint data.

5. When there is a match, the response shall be accompanied by the fingerprint data to allow the querying contact point to confirm the result.

6. In cases where an automated query pursuant to this Article resulting in a match is not followed by a request for further information pursuant to Article 5, the national contact point of the queried Party (hereinafter referred to as "the queried contact point") may request, within a reasonable period of time, an explanation of the purpose of the automated query. The querying contact point shall respond to such request in a timely manner.

7. The technical and procedural details for automated querying pursuant to this Article shall be specified in one or more implementing arrangements between the national contact points of the Parties.

Article 5
Request for and Provision of Further Information

1. When an automated query results in a match, the querying contact point may request the queried contact point to provide further information of the individual whose fingerprint data is matched, subject to written notification of the purpose of the request and other items as specified in one or more implementing arrangements.