Article 13
General Provisions

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent either Party from requesting information from or providing information to the other Party in accordance with other applicable international agreements to which both of the Parties or both of their countries are parties, or pursuant to the laws and regulations of its country.

2. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to authorize either Party to query, request, or use information under this Agreement where such query, request, or use relates to the prevention, detection, or investigation of an act considered a political offense by that Party consistent with its international obligations.

3. This Agreement shall not give rise to or affect rights or obligations on the part of any private person, including to obtain, suppress, or exclude any evidence, or to impede the sharing of information.

Article 14
Consultations

1. The Parties shall hold consultations for the purpose of facilitating the implementation of this Agreement.

2. The Parties shall, if necessary, hold consultations on any matter that may arise in the interpretation or application of this Agreement.

Article 15
Entry into Force, Amendments, and Termination

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date on which the Parties exchange diplomatic notes informing each other that their respective internal procedures necessary to give effect to this Agreement have been completed.

2. The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to any query, request, or provision of information on or after the date upon which this Agreement enters into force, whether the relevant acts were committed before, on, or after that date.

3. Either Party may request consultation with the other Party for the purpose of amending this Agreement. This Agreement, including Annexes I and II, may be amended by written agreement of the Parties.

4. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving three months written notice to the other Party.

5. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, all information provided under this Agreement shall continue to be protected in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Tokyo on February 7, 2014, in duplicate, in the Japanese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN:

三ツ矢憲生
古屋圭司

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Caroline Kennedy