Article 15

1. The requested Party shall effect service of documents related to criminal proceedings, other than those provided for in paragraph 1 of Article 13, that are transmitted to it for this purpose by the requesting Party.

2. The Central Authority of the requested Party shall inform the Central Authority of the requesting Party in writing of the result of the execution of the request under this Article in the manner provided in paragraph 3 of Article 13.

Article 16

1. The requested Party shall assist, to the extent permitted by its laws, in proceedings related to the confiscation of the proceeds or instrumentalities of criminal offences. Such assistance may include action to temporarily immobilize the proceeds or instrumentalities pending further proceedings.

2. The requested Party that has custody over proceeds or instrumentalities of criminal offences as a result of the assistance under paragraph 1 may transfer such proceeds or instrumentalities, in whole or in part, to the requesting Party, to the extent permitted by the laws of the requested Party and upon such conditions as it deems appropriate.

Article 17

Documents transmitted by either Party pursuant to this Treaty which are attested by the seal of a competent authority or the Central Authority of that Party shall be accepted by the other Party without legalization or any other form of certification. At the request of the requesting Party, the documents transmitted pursuant to this Treaty may be certified by the requested Party in another form indicated in the request to the extent not contrary to the laws of the requested Party.

Article 18

Nothing in this Treaty shall prevent either Party from requesting assistance from or providing assistance to the other Party in accordance with other applicable international agreements, or pursuant to its applicable laws.

Article 19

1. The Central Authorities of the Parties shall hold consultations for the purpose of facilitating speedy and effective assistance under this Treaty, and may decide on such measures as may be necessary for this purpose.

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

Article 20

1. This Treaty shall be subject to ratification.

2. This Treaty shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

3. This Treaty shall apply to any request for assistance presented on or after the date upon which this Treaty enters into force, whether the acts relevant to the request were committed before, on or after that date.

4. Either Party may at any time notify the other Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate this Treaty. This Treaty shall terminate 180 days after the date of receipt by the other Party of the notice of termination.

5. Termination of this Treaty shall not be used as a reason for not executing the requests for assistance made prior to the date of the termination of this Treaty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this Treaty.

DONE at Tokyo, this twelfth day of May, 2009, in duplicate, in the Japanese, Russian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR JAPAN:

中曽根弘文

FOR THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION:

А.Коновалов