(h) serving documents and informing a person of an invitation to appear in the requesting State;

(i) temporary transfer of a person in custody for testimony or other evidentiary purposes;

(j) assisting in proceedings related to freezing or seizure and confiscation of proceeds or instrumentalities; and

(k) any other assistance permitted under the laws of the requested State and agreed upon between Japan and a Member State.

Article 4
Designation and responsibilities of Central Authorities

Each State shall designate the Central Authority that is the authority responsible for sending, receiving and responding to requests for assistance, the execution of such requests or their transmission to the authorities having jurisdiction to execute such requests under the laws of the State. The Central Authorities shall be the authorities listed in Annex I to this Agreement.

Article 5
Communication between Central Authorities

1. Requests for assistance under this Agreement shall be sent by the Central Authority of the requesting State to the Central Authority of the requested State.

2. The Central Authorities of Japan and the Member States shall communicate directly with one another for the purpose of this Agreement.

Article 6
Authorities competent to originate requests

The authorities which are competent under the laws of the States to originate requests for assistance pursuant to this Agreement are set out in Annex II to this Agreement.

Article 7
Authentication

Documents transmitted by a State pursuant to this Agreement which are attested by the signature or seal of a competent authority or the Central Authority of the State need not be authenticated.

Article 8
Requests for assistance

1. The requesting State shall make a request in writing.

2. The requesting State may, in urgent cases, after having been in contact with the requested State, make a request by any other reliable means of communication, including fax or e-mail. In such cases, the requesting State shall provide supplementary confirmation of the request in writing promptly thereafter, if the requested State so requires.

3. A request shall include the following:

(a) the name of the competent authority conducting the investigation, prosecution or other proceeding, including judicial proceeding;

(b) the facts pertaining to the subject of the investigation, prosecution or other proceeding, including judicial proceeding;

(c) the nature and stage of the investigation, prosecution or other proceeding, including judicial proceeding;

(d) the text or a statement of the relevant laws, including applicable penalties, of the requesting State;

(e) a description of the assistance requested; and

(f) a description of the purpose of the assistance requested.

4. A request shall, to the extent possible and relevant to the assistance requested, include the following:

(a) information on the identity and location of any person from whom testimony, statements or items are sought;

(b) a list of questions to be asked to the person from whom testimony or statements are sought;

(c) a precise description of persons or places to be searched and of items to be sought;