ANNEX II

With regard to Article 6 of this Agreement, the authorities which are competent under the laws of the States to originate requests for assistance pursuant to this Agreement are set out below:

Japan: Courts, Presiding Judges, Judges, Public Prosecutors, Public Prosecutor's Assistant Officers, and Judicial Police Officials;

the Kingdom of Belgium: the judicial authorities: to be understood as meaning members of the judiciary responsible for administering the law, examining magistrates and members of the Department of Public Prosecution;

the Republic of Bulgaria: the Supreme Cassation Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Bulgaria for pre-trial cases of criminal proceedings and the courts of the Republic of Bulgaria for pending cases in trial phase of criminal proceedings;

the Czech Republic: public prosecutors and courts of the Czech Republic;

the Kingdom of Denmark:
- the District Courts, the High Courts and the Supreme Court,
- the Department of Public Prosecutions, which includes:
  - the Ministry of Justice,
  - the director of Public Prosecutions,
  - the Prosecutor, and
  - the Police Commissioners;

the Federal Republic of Germany:
- the Federal Ministry of Justice;
- Federal Court of Justice, Karlsruhe;
- the Public Prosecutor General of the Federal Court of Justice, Karlsruhe;
- the Federal Office of Justice;
- the Ministry of Justice of Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart;
- the Bavarian State Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Munich;
- the Senate Department for Justice, Berlin;
- the Ministry of Justice of Land Brandenburg, Potsdam;
- the Senator for Justice and Constitution of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen, Bremen;
- the Justice Authority of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Hamburg;
- the Hessian Ministry of Justice, Integration and Europe, Wiesbaden;
- the Ministry of Justice of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Schwerin;
- the Ministry of Justice of Lower-Saxony, Hanover;
- the Ministry of Justice of Land North-Rhine/Westphalia, Düsseldorf;
- the Ministry of Justice of Land Rhineland-Palatinate, Mainz;
- the Ministry of Justice of the Saarland, Saarbrücken;
- the Saxonian State Ministry of Justice, Dresden;
- the Ministry of Justice of Land Saxony-Anhalt, Magdeburg;
- the Ministry of Justice, Equality and Integration of Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel;
- the Thuringian Ministry of Justice, Erfurt;
- the Higher Regional Courts;
- the Regional Courts;
- the Local Courts;
- the Chief Public Prosecutor at the Higher Regional Courts;
- the Directors of Public Prosecutions at the Regional Courts;
- the Central Office of the Land Judicial Administrations for the Investigation of National Socialist Crimes, Ludwigsburg;
- the Federal Criminal Police Office;
- the Central Office of the German Customs Investigations Service;

the Republic of Estonia: judges and prosecutors;

Ireland: the Director for Public Prosecutions;

the Hellenic Republic: Public Prosecutor's Office at the