(c) the term "Contracting Party" means Japan or The Bahamas as the context requires;

(d) the term "competent authority" means:

(i) in the case of Japan, the Minister of Finance or an authorised representative of the Minister; and

(ii) in the case of The Bahamas, the Minister of Finance or an authorised representative of the Minister;

(e) the term "person" includes an individual, a company and any other body of persons;

(f) the term "company" means any body corporate or any entity that is treated as a body corporate for tax purposes;

(g) the term "national" means:

(i) in the case of Japan, any individual possessing the nationality of Japan, any juridical person created or organised under the laws of Japan and any organisation without juridical personality treated for the purposes of Japanese tax as a juridical person created or organised under the laws of Japan; and

(ii) in the case of The Bahamas, any individual possessing the nationality or citizenship of The Bahamas, or any legal person, partnership, association or other entity deriving its status as such from the laws in force in The Bahamas;

(h) the term "publicly traded company" means any company whose principal class of shares is listed on a recognised stock exchange provided its listed shares can be readily purchased or sold by the public. Shares can be readily purchased or sold "by the public" if the purchase or sale of shares is not implicitly or explicitly restricted to a limited group of investors;

(i) the term "principal class of shares" means the class or classes of shares representing a majority of the voting power and value of a company;

(j) the term "recognised stock exchange" means:

(i) any stock exchange established by a Financial Instruments Exchange or an approved-type financial instruments firms association under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law (Law No. 25 of 1948) of Japan;

(ii) the Bahamas International Securities Exchange; and

(iii) any other stock exchange agreed upon by the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties;

(k) the term "collective investment fund or scheme" means any pooled investment vehicle, irrespective of legal form. The term "public collective investment fund or scheme" means any collective investment fund or scheme provided the units, shares or other interests in the fund or scheme can be readily purchased, sold or redeemed by the public. Units, shares or other interests in the fund or scheme can be readily purchased, sold or redeemed "by the public" if the purchase, sale or redemption is not implicitly or explicitly restricted to a limited group of investors;

(l) the term "Applicant Party" means the Contracting Party requesting information;

(m) the term "Requested Party" means the Contracting Party requested to provide information;

(n) the term "information gathering measures" means laws and administrative or judicial procedures that enable a Contracting Party to obtain and provide the information requested; and

(o) the term "information" means any fact, statement or record in any form whatever.

2. As regards the application of this Agreement at any time by a Contracting Party, any term not defined therein shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning that it has at that time under the laws of that Contracting Party, any meaning under the applicable tax laws of that Contracting Party prevailing over a meaning given to the term under other laws of that Contracting Party.