2. The competent authorities and competent institutions of both Contracting States, within the scope of their respective authorities, shall provide any assistance necessary for the implementation of this Agreement. This assistance shall be provided free of charge.

Article 20
Charges or Fees and Legalization

1. Insofar as the legislation and other relevant laws and regulations of a Contracting State contain provisions on an exemption or reduction of administrative charges or consular fees for documents to be submitted under the legislation of that Contracting State, those provisions shall also apply to documents to be submitted in the application of this Agreement and the legislation of the other Contracting State.

2. Documents which are presented for the purpose of this Agreement and the legislation of a Contracting State shall not require legalization or any other similar formality by diplomatic or consular authorities.

Article 21
Communication

1. In implementing this Agreement, the competent authorities, competent institutions and liaison agencies of both Contracting States may communicate directly in Japanese, Finnish, Swedish or English language with each other and with any person concerned wherever the person may reside.

2. In implementing this Agreement, the competent authorities, competent institutions and liaison agencies of a Contracting State may not reject applications or any other documents for the reason that they are written in Japanese, Finnish, Swedish or English language.

Article 22
Transmission and Confidentiality of Information

1. The competent authorities, competent institutions or liaison agencies of a Contracting State shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, transmit to the competent authorities, competent institutions or liaison agencies of the other Contracting State information about an individual collected under the legislation of the first Contracting State insofar as that information is necessary for the implementation of this Agreement. Unless otherwise required by the laws and regulations of that other Contracting State, that information shall be used exclusively for the purpose of implementing this Agreement.

2. The competent authorities, competent institutions or liaison agencies of a Contracting State may, upon the request of the competent authorities, competent institutions or liaison agencies of the other Contracting State, transmit, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the first Contracting State, other information about an individual than that referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article collected under the legislation of the first Contracting State, to the competent authorities, competent institutions or liaison agencies of that other Contracting State insofar as it is necessary for the implementation of the legislation of that other Contracting State. Unless otherwise required by the laws and regulations of that other Contracting State, that information shall be used exclusively for the purpose of implementing that legislation of that other Contracting State.

3. Information referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article received by a Contracting State shall be governed by the laws and regulations of that Contracting State for the protection of confidentiality of personal data and the following provisions:

(a) the transmitting competent authorities, competent institutions or liaison agencies shall ensure that personal data to be transmitted are accurate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are transmitted. In case of transmission of inaccurate data or data whose transmission is incompatible with the laws and regulations of the transmitting Contracting State, the transmitting competent authorities, competent institutions or liaison agencies shall immediately notify the receiving competent authorities, competent institutions or liaison agencies of this fact. The receiving competent authorities, competent institutions or liaison agencies shall correct or delete this data without delay;

(b) both the transmitting and the receiving competent authorities, competent institutions or liaison agencies shall protect personal data effectively against unauthorized or unlawful access, disclosure or alteration;