Article 19
Providing information

1. The Parties may, without prior request, provide information relating to criminal matters to each other to the extent permitted by the laws of the providing Party.

2. The providing Party may impose conditions on the use of such information by the receiving Party. In such a case, the providing Party shall give prior notice to the receiving Party of the nature of the information to be provided and of the conditions to be imposed. The receiving Party shall be bound by those conditions if it agrees to them.

Article 20
Authentication

Documents transmitted by either Party pursuant to this Treaty which are attested by the signature or seal of a competent authority or the Central Authority of that Party shall be accepted by the other Party without authentication 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 21
Relation to other instruments

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 laws that may be applicable.

Article 22
Consultations

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 23
Headings

The headings of the Articles of this Treaty are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Treaty.

Article 24
Entry into force and termination

1. This Treaty shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date on which the Parties exchange diplomatic notes informing each other that their respective internal procedures necessary to give effect to this Treaty have been completed.

2. 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.

3. This Treaty may be amended by written agreement between the Parties.

4. Either Party may terminate this Treaty at any time by notice in writing to the other Party through diplomatic channels. Termination shall take effect on the one hundred and eightieth day after the date of receipt of the notice.

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 24th day of November, 2021, in duplicate, in the Japanese, Vietnamese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR JAPAN:

山田滝雄

FOR THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM:

Lê Minh Trí