4. If information is requested by a Contracting State in accordance with this Article, the other Contracting State shall use its information gathering measures to obtain the requested information, even though that other Contracting State may not need such information for its own tax purposes. The obligation contained in the preceding sentence is subject to the limitations of paragraph 3 but in no case shall such limitations be construed to permit a Contracting State to decline to supply information solely because it has no domestic interest in such information.

5. In no case shall the provisions of paragraph 3 be construed to permit a Contracting State to decline to supply information solely because the information is held by a bank, other financial institution, nominee or person acting in an agency or a fiduciary capacity or because it relates to ownership interests in a person.

ARTICLE 26
ASSISTANCE IN THE COLLECTION OF TAXES

1. The Contracting States shall lend assistance to each other in the collection of revenue claims. This assistance is not restricted by Articles 1 and 2. The competent authorities of the Contracting States may by mutual agreement settle the mode of application of this Article.

2. The term "revenue claim" as used in this Article means an amount owed in respect of the following taxes, insofar as the taxation thereunder is not contrary to this Convention or any other instrument to which the Contracting States are parties, as well as interest, administrative penalties and costs of collection or conservancy related to such amount:

(a) in the Hellenic Republic:

(i) the taxes referred to in subparagraph (a) of paragraph 3 of Article 2;

(ii) the value added tax;

(iii) the inheritance tax;

(iv) the gift tax;

(v) the tax on transfer of immovable property;

(vi) the tax on real estate;

(vii) the tax on luxury goods;

(viii) the special consumption taxes on goods and services; and

(ix) the road tax on motor vehicles;

(b) in Japan:

(i) the taxes referred to in clauses (i) to (iv) of subparagraph (b) of paragraph 3 of Article 2;

(ii) the special corporation tax for reconstruction;

(iii) the consumption tax;

(iv) the local consumption tax;

(v) the inheritance tax; and

(vi) the gift tax;

(c) any other tax as may be agreed upon from time to time between the Governments of the Contracting States through an exchange of diplomatic notes; and

(d) any identical or substantially similar taxes that are imposed after the date of signature of the Convention in addition to, or in place of, the taxes referred to in subparagraph (a), (b) or (c).

3. When a revenue claim of a Contracting State is enforceable under the laws of that Contracting State and is owed by a person who, at that time, cannot, under the laws of that Contracting State, prevent its collection, that revenue claim shall, at the request of the competent authority of that Contracting State, be accepted for purposes of collection by the competent authority of the other Contracting State. That revenue claim shall be collected by that other Contracting State in accordance with the provisions of its laws applicable to the enforcement and collection of its own taxes as if the revenue claim were a revenue claim of that other Contracting State that met the conditions allowing that other Contracting State to make a request under this paragraph.