International Cooperation and Assistance

In fulfilling the obligations of this Treaty, States Parties may seek, inter alia, legal/legislative assistance, technical assistance, institutional capacity building, material assistance or financial assistance on a voluntary basis. States in a position to do so may provide such assistance on a non-conditional basis, including, inter alia, through the development of a Trust Fund.

1. States Parties shall designate one or more national points of contact to facilitate cooperation and information exchange between States Parties, and to act as a liaison on all matters relating to the implementation of this Treaty.

2. States Parties shall encourage and facilitate international cooperation, including the exchange of information on matters regarding the implementation and application of this Treaty. Such voluntary exchange of information may include, inter alia, information on implementation measures as well as information on specific exporters, importers and brokers and on any prosecutions brought domestically, in line with commercial and proprietary protections.

3. States Parties shall cooperate closely with one another, consistent with their respective domestic legal and administrative systems, to enhance the effectiveness of this Treaty and the abilities of States Parties to enforce and combat violations of the provisions of this Treaty, including information regarding illicit activities and actors to assist national enforcement and to counter and prevent diversion.

4. States Parties shall, when appropriate and in accordance with applicable agreements or arrangements and their domestic laws and regulations, afford one another the widest measure of mutual legal assistance in investigations, prosecutions and judicial proceedings in relation to the violations of the national measures implemented to comply with obligations under of the provisions of this Treaty.

5. In fulfilling its obligations under this Treaty, each State Party may offer or receive assistance, inter alia, through the United Nations, international, regional, subregional or national organizations, non-governmental organizations, or on a bilateral basis.

6. States Parties may also exchange on lessons learned in relation to any aspect of this Treaty, to develop best practices in the implementation of this Treaty, in order to, inter alia, strengthen national implementation and reporting and to develop safeguards against diversion.