First Session Twelfth Parliament Republic of Trinidad and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 9 of 2021

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, Chap. 11:24

[Assented to 19th July, 2021]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment follows:

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Mutual Assistance in Short title Criminal Matters (Amendment) Act, 2021.
- 2. In this Act, "the Act" means the Mutual Assistance Interpretation in Criminal Matters Act.

Section 32 amended

3. Section 32 of the Act is amended in the definition of the word "treaty" by inserting after the word "includes" the words "a multilateral treaty,".

Section 33 amended

- 4. Section 33 of the Act is amended—
 - (a) by inserting after subsection (1), the following new subsections:
 - "(1A) Where Trinidad and Tobago and a non-commonwealth country are both parties to a treaty, concluded whether before or after the commencement of this Act, and which includes provision dealing with criminal matters and there is no arrangement for mutual assistance in criminal matters between Trinidad and Tobago and that country, then upon the application of that country for assistance, the Attorney General may, by Order subject to negative resolution of Parliament, declare the treaty as an arrangement to provide for mutual assistance in criminal matters in respect of criminal matters falling within the scope of that treaty between Trinidad and Tobago and that country.
 - (1B) An Order made under subsection (1A) shall not remain in force for any longer period than the treaty."; and
 - (b) in subsection (2), by inserting after the words "subsection (1)" the words "or (1A)".

5. Section 40(4) of the Act is amended in the Section 40 amended definition of the word "treaty", by inserting after the words "convention, treaty," the words "multilateral treaty, protocol,".

Passed in the House of Representatives this 19th day of March, 2021.

Clerk of the House

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Passed in the Senate this 5th day of July, 2021.

Clerk of the Senate