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Criminal Division

Office of International Affairs

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OIA MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Vaughn A. Ary
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TO: Central Authority Partners

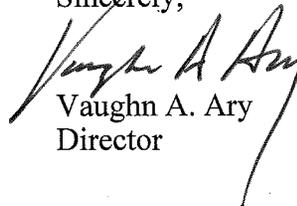
SUBJECT: Re-Delegation of Authority to sign Mutual Legal Assistance Requests

As part of our ongoing efforts to modernize our practice, to create greater efficiency, and to facilitate better international law enforcement cooperation, the Office of International Affairs is pleased to announce a change to the U.S. regulations designating officials who are authorized to make mutual legal assistance requests. The Attorney General of the United States, or his designee, serves as the U.S. Central Authority under mutual legal assistance treaties (MLATs) and executive agreements in criminal matters. Under prior regulations, the Attorney General and the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division delegated this authority to the Deputy Assistant Attorneys General, and to the Director and Deputy Directors, of the Office of International Affairs (OIA). As of May 21, 2018, the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division has further re-delegated the authority to sign requests under MLATs to the Associate Directors of OIA.

This re-delegation was published in the Rules and Regulations section of the Federal Register of the United States, Volume 83, Number 98, on May 21, 2018. A copy of this notice is attached.

Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,


Vaughn A. Ary
Director