**REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL LEGAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS**

**Confidential Processing?**

[ ]  **YES**

[ ]  **NO**

**Are the locations of origin and destination of the request(s) BORDERING each other?**

[ ]  **YES**

[ ]  **NO**

1. **RECIPIENT (TO):**  Central Authority of the United States of America, Paraguay, etc.
2. **SENDER:** Department of Asset Recovery and International Legal Cooperation / National Secretariat of Justice / Ministry of Justice and Public Security.
3. **REQUESTING AUTHORITY:**  Indicate the agency and competent authority responsible for the inquiry, investigation, or ongoing criminal prosecution, providing contact information.
4. **REFERENCE:**  Identify the case by name (e.g., Propina da Serra Case, João da Silva Case and others), including the investigation number, police inquiry, or ongoing criminal case, as well as information to help identify the case.
5. **FACTS:**

Provide a clear, objective, and complete narrative of the facts, describing essential elements, including the location, date, and manner in which the offense was committed. Establish the causal link between the ongoing investigation, the suspects, and the requested assistance. Foreign authorities require a factual premise and causal nexus for compliance with the assistance request.

1. **TRANSCRIPTION OF LEGAL PROVISIONS:**

Include the reference and verbatim text of the legal provisions under sparse, infraconstitutional, or constitutional legislation related to the requested measure. The purpose is to demonstrate to the requested country the terms of Brazilian law.

1. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED ASSISTANCE:**

Provide precise information on the requested measures or procedures.

1. **PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST:**

State the intended purpose of the requested assistance, explaining the relevance of the requested measure to the case in question.a) Example for cases involving service of process and interrogation: The criminal proceeding can only proceed once the defendant has been served, making them aware of the charges brought against them, and through judicial interrogation, during a designated hearing, where they may confess or deny the attributed crimes. During the same hearing, the defendant must indicate if they wish to appoint legal counsel for their defense.b) Example for obtaining banking documents: To locate misappropriated funds, enabling the characterization of their criminal origin, as well as the freezing of such funds, and verifying the existence of other beneficiaries or the persistence of the crime of money laundering.

1. **PROCEDURES TO BE OBSERVED:**

Relevant observations to be requested of the requested State, such as:a) The importance and justification for maintaining confidentiality during the request’s processing;b) The constitutional right of the interrogated party to remain silent during the interrogation;c) If the target of the procedure cannot be located, request a search with utility companies (electricity, water, and telephone), municipal records, the state’s telephone directory;d) Any other relevant information regarding the functioning of the Brazilian criminal process in obtaining and handling the requested information and/or documents.

1. **ANNEXES:**

List all documents accompanying the request, such as complaints, police reports, expert reports, documents listing witnesses, etc.

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 Rui Barbosa de Oliveira

Federal Judge / Federal Police Chief / Federal Prosecutor