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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 7 of 2001**

[L.S.]

**AN ACT to amend the Mutual Assistance in Criminal  
Matters Act, 1997**

*[Assented to 20th September, 2001]*

**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, 2001.

Interpretation Act  
No. 39 of 1997

**2.** In this Act, “the Act” means the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, 1997.

Section 3 amended

**3.** Section 3 of the Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following new subsection:

“ (2) The Attorney General may delegate any of his functions under this Act to any public officer or legal officer employed in the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs.”.

Section 40  
amended

**4.** Section 40 of the Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“ (1A) Where a treaty has been concluded, whether before or after the commencement of this Act, between Trinidad and Tobago and any other territory, providing for mutual assistance in any criminal matter arising or criminal offence committed in Trinidad and Tobago or such other territory, not including a criminal offence referred to in subsection (1), the Attorney General may, by Order subject to negative resolution of Parliament, declare that the treaty shall have the force of law in Trinidad and Tobago subject to such limitations, exceptions or qualifications as may be specified in the Order.”:

(b) in subsection (2), by inserting after the words “subsection (1)”, the words “or subsection (1A)”;

(c) in subsection (3), by inserting after the words “subsection (1)”, the words “or subsection (1A).”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 28th day  
of May, 2001.

J. SAMPSON-JACENT  
*Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 17th day of July, 2001.

N. COX  
*Clerk of the Senate*

Senate amendments agreed to by the House of  
Representatives this 7th day of September, 2001.

J. SAMPSON-JACENT  
*Clerk of the House*