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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BILL

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

THE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2001

Explanatory Note

(These notes form no part of the Bill but are intended only to indicate its general purport)

This Bill seeks to amend the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, 1997 (Act No. 39 of 1997) (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) to allow the Attorney General to be able to delegate his functions under the Act to any legal officer in the Ministry and not just to a public officer, and to expand mutual assistance by treaties, which are incorporated into our domestic law, to cover all criminal matters and not just drug offences.

Clause 1 would provide for the short title.

Clause 2 would provide the interpretation provision.

Clause 3 would amend section 3 of the Act by deleting subsection (2) and substituting a new subsection. The present subsection (2) empowers the Attorney General to delegate any of his functions under the Act to a public officer. Under the new subsection, the Attorney General would be able to delegate any of his functions not only to public officers but to any legal officer employed in the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs.

Clause 4 would introduce into section 40 of the Act a new subsection (1A). This new subsection would extend the application of any treaties for mutual assistance between Trinidad and Tobago and any other territory which came into force before or after the commencement of the Act to all criminal matters and not merely to the detection, investigation, suppression or prosecution of drug trafficking offences.

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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.

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Passed in the Senate this day of , 2001.

Clerk of the Senate

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate

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