

## **DESCRIPTION AND GENERAL EXPLANATION OF MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM**

The system of Mutual Legal Assistance in Dominica is governed by the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, Chapter 12:19, Amendment Act # 16/2002 and Statutory Rule and Order (SRO) 47/2002.

The legislation allows for the exchange of information and evidence in serious Criminal Matters. It applies to Commonwealth countries, other countries with which Dominica has a bilateral relation, as well as countries which are party to the 1988 *United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances*. In the latter case, cooperation is rendered on the basis of reciprocity.

Request for assistance are made to the Central Authority who is the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Dominica.