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International Cooperation in Criminal Matters has emerged since the 17 th century and has had the continuing evolution until the date. It has been recognized by various countries in the world-wide as a significant mechanism to prevent and suppress the continuously serious international crimes result from the factors of advanced technology in transportation and communication. These factors seem to make the world not so wide. As a result, the offenders who mostly form a "network" among those in different countries can commit the international crimes more conveniently

Generally, the international cooperation in Criminal Matters recognized and supported by many countries are limited to some categories thereof, such as investigation, taking evidences in court proceedings, service of summons and legal documents etc. Several countries are reluctant to render some categories of assistances, in particular, the enforcement of foreign judgement for fear that it will affect to their sovereignty in criminal proceedings.

However, the main objective of international crime commissions such as drug trafficking, women trade, credit cards forgery etc. are to obtain the economic benefits. Especially, the drug trafficking can bring huge profits to the traffickers. Subsequently, the aforesaid profits are normally used to create the political and economic power for the traffickers, which will bring the convenience to their commissions of other chronic offences.

Therefore, many countries world-wide have agreed to indulge their sovereignty in criminal proceedings by rendering the assistances of assets forfeiture to requesting countries. This assistance will be a measure to topple benefits obtained from the crime commission effectively. Hopefully, the said cooperation will discourage the offenders because the limitation on sovereignty will be no longer used as a shelter from the assets forfeitive