Annex to Quick Guide 45 on joint investigation teams (JITs)

This Annex provides an overview of the key legal frameworks that support the establishment of JITs, along with relevant references and recommended further reading on the topic.

1 Key legal frameworks supporting the establishment of JITs

- Article 19 of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC)
- Article 9 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances
- Article 49 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)
- Article 20 of the Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters of the Council of Europe (CoE)
- Article 13 of the Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union
- Article 12 of the Second Additional Protocol to the CoE Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention)
- The Framework Agreement for Cooperation among the States Parties to MERCOSUR on Joint Investigation Teams
- The Agreement of the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries (COMJIB).

The following emerging frameworks also provide for the establishment of JITs, subject to required number of ratifications and entry into force:

- Article 48 of the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime
- Article 23 of the Additional Protocol to the CoE Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (Warsaw Convention).

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