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**By E-mail and Direct Mail**

**Re: Request for Legal Assistance– Beny Steinmetz/BSGR**

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached Israel's Request for legal Assistance in the above-referenced matter, which is submitted pursuant to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance and pursuant to the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

The Request seeks assistance from the authorities of Cyprus in investigating four money transfers made to accounts at the Bank of Cyprus in Nicosia during 2011-2012. The transfers were made by an individual who is now cooperating with the Israel Police and has indicated that these transfers were made under fraudulent circumstances to disguise the true source and purpose of the transfers. It is suspected that the funds transferred to Cyprus, may have been intended to be further transferred for corrupt bribery payments outside of Cyprus.

The assistance from Cyprus is crucial for the investigation and will help confirm the information received from the cooperating witness. This matter is **highly urgent** because arrests and other investigative activities have recently been undertaken in Israel and the evidence requested is crucial to these investigative activities.

We would appreciate it if you could confirm the receipt of this Request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at telephone 972-2-541-9612 or by email ([yitzchakb@justice.gov.il](mailto:yitzchakb@justice.gov.il)). We thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in this sensitive matter.

Best Regards,

  
Yitzchak Blum  
Deputy Director