ANNEX C
CHECKLIST FOR REQUESTS FOR SEARCH OR SEIZURE

Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, 2022 | Republic of Seychelles

HOW TO USE: Click the boxes in this PDF. Complete all sections as applicable, and complete Section 3 only if digital assets are involved. Attach supporting materials to the formal MLA request.

1. Request details and assistance sought

Requesting State:		**Authority / reference:**	
Date of request:		**Investigation / case reference:**	

Assistance sought — select as applicable:

☐ Search for specified items or property.

☐ Seizure of specified items or property (including freezing together with control, possession, administration or management, as applicable).

☐ The request concerns digital assets (also complete Section 3).

2. Information and documents for search or seizure

☐ The request clearly describes each item or asset concerned (nature, quantity/value, identifiers and known location, as applicable).

☐ The request explains the connection of the property to the criminal matter and the grounds for believing it is located in Seychelles.

☐ Where seizure is sought, the request identifies the coercive measures required and their purpose.

Applicable foreign-law provisions — for seizure requests:

☐ Copies or extracts of the relevant criminal procedure or other applicable laws are attached, with full legal citations.

The laws provided should demonstrate at least the applicable position below (tick as relevant):

- ☐ On acquittal, the property or digital assets must be returned to the suspect or accused person.
- ☐ Non-conviction-based confiscation is permitted under the law of the requesting State.

☐ Where those laws are not in English, English translations are attached.

3. Digital assets — complete ONLY if applicable

☐ The request includes a clear account of tracing undertaken by the requesting State's law enforcement or other competent authority.

☐ Relevant blockchain tracing records or a tracing report are attached (where available).

☐ Known blockchain identifiers are provided: network/blockchain, transaction hash(es), block number(s) and wallet address(es), as applicable.

☐ Relevant dates of transactions/transfers are identified.

☐ The request explains the basis for linking the identified assets, account(s), wallet(s) or service provider to Seychelles.

Destination wallet for transfer following seizure (where possible):

☐ A receiving wallet address has been provided for transfer of the seized digital assets.

☐ The receiving wallet is capable of accepting the specified asset type and blockchain network.

☐ The requesting State understands that Seychelles will not convert the seized digital assets into fiat currency for execution of the request.

4. **Asset-sharing arrangements:** Requesting State to select ONE:

☐ Yes — the requesting State confirms its willingness, in principle, to enter into an asset-sharing agreement with the Republic of Seychelles in relation to assets confiscated or recovered through the assistance provided in this matter.

☐ No — the requesting State does not presently indicate willingness to enter into an asset-sharing agreement.

☐ To be discussed — the requesting State's position is not yet confirmed.

NB: Any asset-sharing agreement is subject to applicable law and separately agreed terms. This indication does not itself constitute an agreement and is not a condition for providing mutual legal assistance.

5. Final submission check

☐ The formal MLA request includes the general information required by the Act and the MLA Guidelines.

☐ The descriptions, foreign-law extracts, translations and relevant supporting records are enclosed, as applicable.

☐ Any urgency, relevant deadlines and risk of dissipation are explained (if applicable).

☐ The request is transmitted to the Central Authority through diplomatic channels in accordance with the Act.

Important notes

• "Seizure" includes freezing coupled with administration, control, possession or management of the relevant funds, property or other assets. "Property" includes tangible and intangible property, including virtual assets and interests in property.

• Digital-asset requests should provide available tracing identifiers and transaction dates, together with an explanation of the Seychelles connection. A destination wallet should be specified where possible and must support the asset and network concerned.

• This checklist is a practical preparation aid and does not replace the statutory requirements of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, 2022.