Article 12

Paragraph 1

Replace "... including the supply of the evidence at their disposal necessary ..." by "... including assistance in obtaining evidence ..."

Reason: The aim is that co-operation between States Parties concerned should be as extensive as possible so that the evidence to be provided should not be restricted to what is available at a given moment, but should also extend to evidence that may subsequently be obtained.

Paragraph 2

Add the following after the full stop: "In the absence of such treaties, States Parties shall afford each other assistance in accordance with their national law".

Reason: There are many States which may not be bound by a judicial treaty relating to criminal matters and therefore, in order to make up for this void, it is necessary to use the machinery of the internal law of such States.