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AN ACT to ratify the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime And Protocols signed on the 26th day of September 2001 at Palermo Italy by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short Title

(1) The Act may be cited as the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and Protocols (Ratification) Act 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Act-

“**Act**” means the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, 1993, and the Money Laundering (Prevention) Act 1996.

“**Convention**” means the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime And Protocols 2000 signed by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda on the 26th day of September 2001 at Palermo Italy, the text of which is set out in the Schedule.

“**Minister**” means the Minister of Legal Affairs

3. Ratification of United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime and Protocols

The United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime And Protocols which was signed by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda on the 26th day of September 2001 at Palermo Italy is hereby ratified in accordance with section 3 (3) of the Ratification of Treaties Act, Cap 364 and is deemed to have entered into force with respect to Antigua and Barbuda on the 1st day of September 2020.[or on a day appointed by the Minister and published in the Gazette]

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill proposes to ratify the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime and Protocols and to make provision to apply the procedure prescribed by Mutual Assistance in Criminal matters Act, 1993 No. 2 of 1993 to execute requests received from the Central Authority any country.

1. Clause 3 of the Bill proposes to ratify the Convention in the manner prescribed section 3(3) of the Ratification of Treaties Act, Cap. 364.
2. Clause 4 would apply the procedure prescribed by the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, 1993 No. 2 of 1993 for the execution of requests recovered from countries other than Commonwealth countries.
3. The full Schedule sets out the text of the Convention.