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**Consideration of the draft United Nations Convention
against Corruption, with particular emphasis on
articles 2 (remaining definitions), 3, 4, 20, 30, 32-39
and 40-85**

Proposals and contributions received from Governments

Brazil: amendments to article 53

Article 53: Mutual legal assistance

Paragraph 9

Brazil proposes to amend article 53, paragraph 9, to read as follows:

*“Article 53
“Mutual legal assistance*

“9. Without prejudice to the fundamental principles of their domestic law, States Parties shall not decline to render mutual legal assistance pursuant to this article on the ground of absence of dual criminality. However, a requested State Party may refuse to render such assistance when the offences that have motivated the request are related only to fiscal matters.”

