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DEFINITION FOR THE TERM “COMPETENT AUTHORITY”

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Japan

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The term “competent authority” is used in several Codex documents in different definitions or in the absence of any definition. The term is highly relevant to their context, therefore Japan is concerned that, if a general term on competent authority is elaborated for inclusion in the Procedural Manual, it may require some documents to replace the existing term. However, if the inclusion of the general definition in the procedural manual does not exclude the current use of the term in the documents nor the development of specific definitions by committees, Japan does not oppose the proposal of the Secretariat.