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This Article discusses the emergence of the MLAT between Mexico and the U.S. in the context of prior bilateral enforcement efforts. After reviewing the unique and complicated ratification history of the MLAT, the Article discusses the MLAT's substantive provisions, especially in the context of U.S.-Mexico criminal relations. One case in which the United States invoked the MLAT to obtain assistance from Mexico, along with the documents transmitted between the two governments, helps to illustrate the operation of the MLAT. This Article also reviews judicial assistance between Mexico and the U.S. outside of the MLAT, particularly by the use of mini-MLATs on specific topics. The final section of the paper provides an analysis of the operation of the MLAT in the context of evolving relations between the U.S. and Mexico, and the Western Hemisphere as a whole. This section will also provide suggestions to strengthen the legal and institutional framework enforcement cooperation by establishing an Americas Committee on Crime Problems, and other measures.

enhance its pull towards voluntary compliance. With the aid of three case studies, this Article exposes the selective and incoherent application of rules in the international system and the threat to systemic legitimacy this application engenders. The imperative for legitimism in the process of international delegitimation is demonstrated and the futility of desiring a world where normative restraint exists, but in which normative legitimism is absent, is thereby exposed.

the various problems that the legislation has created, and explores the possible approaches and solutions that Canada could implement as a country on the verge of developing a solution.