

ARTICLE 6**TRANSMISSION OF OBJECTS AND DOCUMENTS**

- (1) When the request for assistance concerns the transmission of records and documents, the Requested State may transmit certified true copies thereof, unless the Requesting State expressly requests the originals.
- (2) The original records or documents or the objects transmitted to the Requesting State shall be returned to the Requested State as soon as possible, upon the latter's request.
- (3) Insofar as not incompatible with the law of the Requested State, and upon the express request of the Requesting State, records, documents or objects shall be transmitted in a form or accompanied by such certification as may be requested by the Requesting State in order to make them admissible according to the law of the Requesting State.

ARTICLE 7**TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION, RECORDS AND OBJECTS
IN THE POSSESSION OF A PUBLIC AUTHORITY
OR A GOVERNMENT AGENCY**

- (1) The Requested State shall provide all publicly available information and objects, including documents and records, which are in the possession of government departments and agencies in that State.
- (2) The Requested State may provide all information and objects, including documents and records, which are in the possession of a government department or agency and which are not accessible to the public, to the same extent and subject to the same conditions as are applicable to its own judicial authorities or to those authorities responsible for the application of the law.
- (3) Paragraph (2) shall apply to criminal records and court records.

ARTICLE 8**PRESENCE OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE PROCEEDINGS
IN THE REQUESTED STATE**

- (1) A person requested to testify or produce documents, records or other objects in the Requested State shall be compelled, if necessary, to appear and testify and produce such documents, records and other objects, in accordance with the requirements of the law of the Requested State.
- (2) To the extent not incompatible with the law of the Requested State, the competent authority in the Requested State may authorize judges and competent authorities of the Requesting State, as well as other persons involved in the investigation or the proceedings and mentioned in the request, to be present at the execution of the request and to participate in the proceedings in the Requested State.
- (3) The right to participate in the proceedings shall include the right of any person present to pose questions in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Requested State. To the extent not incompatible with the law of the Requested State, the competent authority in the Requested State may authorize the use of methods and procedures provided for in the law of the Requesting State, in particular, the right to make a verbatim transcript of the proceedings, which are necessary for the admissibility of evidence in the Requesting State.