

force in the Requested Party, in which case the Co-ordinating Authorities referred to in Article XII of this Treaty shall consult with each other to identify lawful means for securing assistance; or

c) there is a possibility of the death penalty being imposed or executed in the proceedings in respect of which assistance is sought.

2. Assistance may be postponed by the Requested Party on the ground that the immediate granting of the assistance may interfere with an ongoing investigation or proceeding.

3. Before refusing to grant a request for assistance or before postponing the grant of such assistance, the Requested Party shall consider whether assistance may be granted subject to such conditions as it deems necessary. If the Requesting Party accepts assistance subject to these conditions, it shall comply with them.

4. The Requested Party shall promptly inform the Requesting Party of a decision not to comply in whole or in part with a request for assistance, or to postpone execution, and shall give reasons for that decision.