

- (b) the execution of the request would impair its sovereignty, security, public order or similar essential public interest, prejudice the safety of any person or be unreasonable on other grounds;
- (c) there are substantial grounds leading the Requested Party to believe that compliance would facilitate the prosecution or punishment of the person to whom the request refers on account of his race, religion, nationality or political opinions;
- (d) the conduct which is the subject of the investigation, prosecution, or proceeding in the Requesting Party would not constitute an offence under the laws of the Requested Party.

2. Assistance may be postponed by the Requested Party if execution of the request would interfere with an ongoing investigation or prosecution in the Requested Party.

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

4. 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.

PART II - SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

Article 4

Presence of Persons Involved in the Proceedings in the Requested Party

1. The Requested Party shall, upon request, inform the Requesting Party of the time and place of execution of the request for assistance.