

3. Requests and replies shall be made in writing.
4. The Receiving State and the Sentencing State shall retain absolute discretion to approve or refuse the transfer.
5. In making their decision, each Party shall consider all factors that may contribute to the offender's social reintegration.
6. An offender shall be informed, in writing, of any action and decision taken by either State on the request.

ARTICLE VII

Consent and its Verification

Before the transfer, the Sentencing State shall afford an opportunity to the Receiving State, if it so desires, to verify through an officer designated by the Receiving State, that the offender's consent to the transfer has been given voluntarily and with full knowledge of the legal consequence thereof.

ARTICLE VIII

Obligation to furnish information

1. The Sentencing State shall furnish to the Receiving State a certified copy of the judgment convicting the offender, a statement of facts upon which the sentence was based, information on the nature, duration and date of commencement of the sentence and a statement indicating how much of the sentence has already been served, including any pre-trial detention and remission of sentence.
2. The Sentencing State shall provide, whenever appropriate, any medical or social reports on the offender, information about his or her treatment in the Sentencing State and any recommendations for further treatment.
3. The Receiving State may request any additional information regarding the offender to enable it to carry out the provisions of this Treaty.
4. The above information shall be translated into an official language of the Receiving State and duly authenticated.

ARTICLE IX

Procedure for Transfer

1. The transfer of the offender shall occur at a place agreed to by both Parties.
2. The Receiving State shall be responsible for the custody and transport of the offender to the prison, penitentiary, or place where the sentence shall be completed.
3. The Receiving State shall be responsible for expenses incurred by it in the transfer of the offender from the time when the offender passes into its custody until the completion of the sentence.