

**Article 24 - Confidentiality**

Subject to the provisions of its domestic law:

- (a) the Requested State shall keep the request and the information contained therein confidential;
- (b) the Requesting State shall keep the information and evidence transmitted by the Requested State confidential.

**Article 25 - Reasons for Refusal**

Reasons shall be given for any refusal to comply, in whole or in part, with a request for assistance.

**Article 26 - Exemption from Legalization and Admissibility of Evidence**

1. Objects and documents transmitted pursuant to this Treaty shall be exempt from any legalization requirement.
2. If the law of the Requesting State requires that documents, copies or objects transmitted by the Requested State be accompanied by certificates, statements or other certification to make them admissible in a proceeding in the Requesting State, the Requested State shall consider whether it can comply with this aspect of the request.

**Article 27 - Language**

A request made pursuant to this Treaty and the accompanying documents shall be written in the official language of the authority responsible for the execution of the request, except in the case of service of writs and records of judicial verdicts without formal requirements according to Article 15 (1).