

ARTICLE 3**REFUSAL OR POSTPONEMENT OF ASSISTANCE**

- (1) Assistance may be refused if the Requested Party considers that the execution of the request would impair its sovereignty, security, public order or essential public interest, or would cause serious threat to the health or life of a person.
- (2) Granting of assistance may be postponed by the Requested Party if it is necessary because of an ongoing investigation or prosecution in the territory of the Requested Party.
- (3) The Requested Party shall promptly inform the Requesting Party if the request will not be executed in whole or in part or will be postponed and shall give reasons for that decision.

PART II SPECIFIC PROVISIONS**ARTICLE 4****LOCATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS AND LOCATION OF OBJECTS**

The competent authorities of the Requested Party shall make best efforts to ascertain the location and identity of persons or the location of objects specified in the request.

ARTICLE 5**SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS**

- (1) The Requesting Party shall transmit a request for the service of a document requesting a response or appearance in the territory of the Requesting Party within a reasonable time before the scheduled response or appearance.
- (2) The Requested Party shall confirm service of documents by returning either a receipt carrying the date and signature of the person to whom the delivery was made and the signature of the person who delivered the