

PART III - PROCEDURE**ARTICLE 18****CENTRAL AUTHORITIES**

- (1) For the purposes of this Treaty, the Central Authority for Canada shall be the Minister of Justice or an official designated by that Minister and the Central Authority for the Republic of Peru shall be the Public Ministry of Peru.
- (2) The Central Authorities shall transmit and receive requests for legal assistance and responses thereto under this Treaty.
- (3) The Central Authorities of the contracting Parties shall communicate directly with one another.

ARTICLE 19**CONFIDENTIALITY**

- (1) The Requested State may require, after consultation with the Requesting State, that information or evidence furnished or the source of such information or evidence be kept confidential or be disclosed or used only subject to such terms and conditions as it may specify.
- (2) The Requesting State may require that the request, its contents, supporting documents and any action taken pursuant to the request be kept confidential. If the request cannot be executed without breaching the confidentiality requirement, the Requested State shall so inform the Requesting State prior to executing the request and the latter shall then determine whether the request should nevertheless be executed.

ARTICLE 20**CONTENTS OF REQUESTS**

- (1) In all cases requests for assistance shall indicate:
 - (a) the competent authority conducting the investigation or proceedings to which the request relates;
 - (b) the nature of the investigation or proceedings, and include a summary of the facts and a copy of the applicable laws;
 - (c) the purpose of the request and the nature of the assistance sought;
 - (d) the degree of confidentiality required and the reasons therefor; and
 - (e) any time limit within which the request should be executed.