

Article 18 - Safe Conduct

1. A witness or expert, whatever his or her nationality, appearing pursuant to a request before the judicial authorities of the Requesting State, shall not be prosecuted or detained or subjected to any other restriction of personal liberty in the territory of that State in respect of acts or convictions anterior to his or her departure from the territory of the Requested State.

2. A person, whatever his or her nationality, summoned before the judicial authorities of the Requesting State to answer for acts forming the subject of proceedings against him or her, shall not be prosecuted or detained or subjected to any other restriction of personal liberty for acts of convictions anterior to his or her departure from the territory of the Requested State and not specified in the summons.

3. A person, whatever his or her nationality who in response to a request goes to the Requesting State to assist in an investigation or proceedings shall not be:

- (a) the subject of a service in connection with a civil process relating to acts or convictions prior to the person's departure from the territory of the Requested State;
- (b) obliged to testify in proceedings in the Requesting State other than those covered by the request.

4. The immunity provided for in this Article shall cease when the person who is the subject thereof, having had for a period of fifteen consecutive days from the date when his or her presence is no longer required, an opportunity to leave the territory of the Requesting State, has nevertheless remained in that territory, or having left it, has returned.