

3. Assistance may be postponed by the requested authority on the grounds that it will interfere with an ongoing investigation, prosecution or proceeding. In such a case, the requested authority shall consult with the requesting authority to determine if assistance can be given subject to such terms or conditions as the requested authority may require.

4. Where assistance is denied or postponed, reasons for the denial or postponement shall be given without delay.

ARTICLE 18

Costs

1. The customs authorities shall waive all claims for reimbursement of costs incurred in the execution of this Title.

2. If expenses of a substantial or extraordinary nature are, or will be, required to execute the request, the Contracting Parties shall consult to determine the terms and conditions under which the request will be executed as well as the manner in which the costs shall be borne.