

Article 9 - Depositions of Witnesses in Requested State

1. Witnesses shall be heard in accordance with the law of the Requested State. However, they may also refuse to testify if the law of the Requesting State allows them to do so.

2. If their refusal to testify is based on the law of the Requesting State, the Requested State shall send the matter to the Requesting State for decision. Reasons shall be given for that decision.

3. A witness exercising the right to refuse to testify cannot be the subject of any legal penalty in the Requesting State for that reason.

Article 10 - Transmission of Objects, Documents, Records and Evidence

1. Rights claimed by third parties to objects, documents, records or evidence in the Requested State shall not prevent their transmission to the Requesting State.

2. The Requesting State is required to return what was transmitted as quickly as possible and at the end of the proceedings at the latest.

Article 11 - Administrative Documents

1. The Requested State shall provide copies of public documents and records of government departments and agencies.

2. The Requested State may provide copies of any document, record or other information not publicly available, in the possession of a government department or agency, in the same way as it would release them to its own judicial authorities and law enforcement agencies.