

(h) In every instance where the "commission rogatoire" is not executed by the authority applied to, the latter will at once inform the consular authority of the State making the request, stating the grounds on which the execution of the commission has been refused, or the judicial authority to whom the commission has been forwarded.

"(i) The authority which executes the "commission rogatoire" will apply, so far as the procedure to be followed is concerned, the law of its own country.

Nevertheless, an application by the authority making the request that some special procedure may be followed shall be acceded to, provided that such procedure is not incompatible with the law of the State applied to."

#### ARTICLE 10

No fees of any description shall be payable by one State to the other in respect of the execution of "commissions rogatoires."

Nevertheless, the State making the request repays to the State applied to any charges and expenses payable to witnesses, experts, interpreters, or translators the costs of obtaining the attendance of witnesses who have not appeared voluntarily, and the charges payable to any person whom the competent judicial authority may have deputed to act in cases where the municipal law permits this to be done.

The repayment of these expenses is claimed by the authority applied to from the authority making the request when transmitting to it the documents establishing the execution of the "commission rogatoire." These charges are calculated in accordance with the tariff in force for nationals of the State applied to.

#### ARTICLE 11

(a) The evidence may also be taken, without the intervention of the authorities of the State in whose territory it is to be taken, by a diplomatic or consular agent of the State before whose Courts the evidence is to be used, or by some other person named by the said Courts.

(b) The agent appointed to take the evidence may request named individuals to appear as witnesses, to produce any document, and to take an oath, but he has no compulsory powers.

(c) Summonses to appear issued by the agent will be drawn up in one of the languages of the State where the evidence is to be taken, or accompanied by a translation into one of those languages, unless the recipient is a national of the State making the request. Every summons shall state expressly that there is no compulsion to appear.

(d) The evidence may be taken in accordance with the procedure laid down by the law of the State in which the evidence is to be used, and the parties will have the right to be represented by barristers or solicitors of that State.

#### ARTICLE 12

The fact that an attempt to take evidence by the method laid down in Article 11 has failed owing to the refusal of any witnesses to appear, to give evidence, or to produce documents does not preclude an application being subsequently made in accordance with Article 9.

### IV.—General Provisions

#### ARTICLE 13

Any difficulties which may arise in connection with the operation of this Convention shall be settled through the diplomatic channel.