

## ARTICLE 2

*Legal Protection and Access to the Courts of Justice*

The subjects or citizens of one High Contracting Party shall enjoy in the territory of the other the same rights in respect of the legal protection of person or property and shall have free access to the courts of justice for the prosecution or defence of the rights under the same conditions (including taxes and fees payable) as subjects or citizens of the latter High Contracting Party.

II.—*Service of Judicial and Extra-Judicial Documents*

## ARTICLE 3

(a) When judicial or extra-judicial documents drawn up in the territory of one of the High Contracting Parties are required by a judicial authority situated therein to be served on persons in the territory of the other High Contracting Party, such documents may be served on the recipient, by any of the methods provided in Articles 4 or 5 in cases where these articles are applicable.

(b) In Part II of this Convention the expression "country of origin" means the country from which the documents to be served emanate, and the expression "country of execution" means the country in which service of documents is to be effected.

## ARTICLE 4

(a) A request for service shall be addressed and sent by a Diplomatic or Consular Officer acting for the country of origin to the competent authority of the country of execution, requesting such authority to cause the document in question to be served.

(b) The request for service shall be drawn up in the language of the country of execution and shall state the names and descriptions of the parties, the name, description and address of the recipient, and the nature of the document to be served, and shall enclose the document to be served together with a copy thereof.

(c) The document to be served shall either be drawn up in the language of the country of execution, or be accompanied by a translation into such language unless the competent authority of the country of execution declares that a translation is unnecessary. Such translation shall be certified as correct by a Diplomatic or Consular Officer acting for the country of origin or by an official or sworn translator of the country of execution or the country of origin.

(d) Requests for service shall be addressed and sent—  
In England to the Senior Master of the Supreme Court of Judicature.  
In Hungary to the Royal Hungarian Ministry of Justice.

If the authority to whom a request for service has been sent is not competent to execute it, such authority shall (except in cases where execution is refused in accordance with paragraph (f) of this Article) of his own motion forward the request to the competent authority of the country of execution.

(e) Service shall be effected by the competent authority of the country of execution, who shall serve the document in the manner prescribed by the municipal law of such country for the service of similar documents, except that, if a wish for some special manner of service is expressed in the request for service, such manner of service shall be followed in so far as it is not incompatible with the law of that country; provided that, if the competent authority of the country of execution has declared the translation to be unnecessary