3. If the request referred to in paragraph 2 is granted, the competent authority of the requested Party conducting the examination shall, as soon as possible, notify the competent authority of the requesting Party of the time and place of the examination, the authority or person authorised to carry out the examination and the procedures and conditions required by the requested Party for the conduct of the examination. All decisions regarding the conduct of the examination shall be made by the requested Party conducting the examination.

## ARTICLE 6

## Possibility of Declining a Request

- 1. The competent authority of the requested Party may decline to assist:
  - (a) where the request is not made in conformity with this Agreement;
  - (b) where the requesting Party has not pursued all means available in its own territory to obtain the information, except where recourse to such means would give rise to disproportionate difficulty; or
  - (c) where the disclosure of the information requested would be contrary to public policy.
- 2. This Agreement shall not impose on a requested Party any obligation to provide documents or records which are:
  - (a) in the case of Canada, subject to solicitor-client privilege, or, in the case of Guernsey, subject to legal privilege;
  - (b) subject to any trade, business, industrial, commercial or professional secret or trade process, provided that information described in Article 4, paragraph 4, shall not by reason of that fact alone be treated as such a secret or trade process.
- 3. A request for information shall not be refused on the ground that the tax claim giving rise to the request is disputed.