

in respect of any charges and expenses payable to witnesses, experts, interpreters, or translators, the cost of obtaining the attendance of witnesses who have not appeared voluntarily, and the charges and expenses payable to any person whom such authority may have deputed to act, in cases where the law of the country of execution permits this to be done, and any charges and expenses incurred by reason of a special procedure being requested and followed. These expenses shall be such as are usually allowed in similar cases in the courts of the country of execution.

(b) The repayment of these expenses shall be claimed by the competent authority by whom the Letter of Request has been executed from the Consular Officer by whom it was transmitted when sending to him the documents establishing its execution as provided in Article 7 (h).

(c) Except as above provided no fees of any description shall be payable by one High Contracting Party to the other in respect of the taking of evidence.

IV.—Judicial Assistance for Poor Persons and security for Costs

ARTICLE 11

The subjects of one High Contracting Party resident in the territory of the other High Contracting Party shall not be compelled to give security for costs in any case where a subject of such other High Contracting Party would not be so compelled.

ARTICLE 12

(1) The subjects of one High Contracting Party shall enjoy in the territory of the other High Contracting Party a perfect equality of treatment with subjects of the latter High Contracting Party as regards free legal assistance for poor persons.

(2) The provisions of this Article apply to criminal as well as to civil and commercial matters, but do not apply to artificial persons.

V.—General Provisions

ARTICLE 13

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

ARTICLE 14

The present Convention, of which the English and Greek texts are equally authentic, shall be subject to ratification. Ratifications shall be exchanged in Athens. The Convention shall come into force one month after the date on which ratifications are exchanged and shall remain in force for three years after the date of its coming into force. If neither of the High Contracting Parties shall have given notice through the diplomatic channel to the other not less than six months before the expiration of the said period of three years of his intention to terminate the Convention, it shall remain in force until the expiration of six months from the day on which either of the High Contracting Parties shall have given notice to terminate it.

ARTICLE 15

(a) This Convention shall not apply *ipso jure* to Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, nor to any of the Colonies, overseas territories or Protectorates of His Majesty the King of Great Britain,