

ARTICLE 5

Transmission of Documents and Objects

- (1) When the request for assistance concerns the transmission of records and documents, the Requested State may transmit certified copies thereof, unless the Requesting State expressly requests the originals.
- (2) The original records or documents and the objects transmitted to the Requesting State shall be returned as soon as possible, unless the Requested State waives the return thereof.
- (3) Insofar as it is not prohibited by the law of the Requested State, documents, objects and records shall be transmitted in a form or accompanied by such certification as may be requested by the Requesting State in order to make them admissible according to the law of the Requesting State.

ARTICLE 6

Service of Documents

- (1) The Requested State shall effect service of documents that are transmitted to it for this purpose by the Requesting State.
- (2) Service may be effected by simple transmission of the document to the person to be served. If the Requesting State expressly so requests, service shall be effected by the Requested State in the manner provided for the service of analogous documents under its own law or in a special manner consistent with such law.
- (3) Proof of service shall be given by means of a receipt dated and signed by the person served or by means of a declaration made by the Requested State that service has been effected and stating the form and date of such service. If service cannot be effected, the reasons shall be communicated immediately by the Requested State to the Requesting State.
- (4) Requests for service of a summons on an accused person who is in the territory of the Requested State shall be transmitted to the competent authority (Article 12 paragraph 2) of that State at least thirty (30) days before the date set for appearance.