

3. The Customs administration of the requested Contracting Party shall reply to a request for assistance as soon as possible.

Article 7

1. Requests for assistance under this Convention shall normally be made in writing; they shall contain the requisite information and be accompanied by such documents as may be deemed useful.

2. Requests in writing shall be in a language acceptable to the Contracting Parties concerned. Any documents accompanying such requests shall be translated into a mutually acceptable language, if necessary.

3. Contracting Parties shall in all cases accept requests for assistance and accompanying documents in English or French or accompanied by a translation into English or French.

4. When, for reasons of urgency in particular, requests for assistance have not been made in writing, the requested Contracting Party may require written confirmation.

Article 8

Any expenses incurred under this Convention in respect of experts or witnesses shall be borne by the requesting Contracting Party. The Contracting Parties shall waive all claims for reimbursement of any other costs incurred in the execution of this Convention.

CHAPTER IV

Miscellaneous provisions

Article 9

The Council and the Customs administrations of the Contracting Parties shall arrange for the services responsible for