

Article 5

Notarization and Authentication

1. A consular officer shall be entitled to:
 - (a) draw up documents of a person of any nationality for use in the sending State upon the request of that person;
 - (b) draw up documents of a national of the sending State for use outside the sending State upon the request of that national;
 - (c) translate documents into the official language(s) of the sending State or of the receiving State and certify that the translation is in conformity with the original;
 - (d) authenticate signatures and seals on documents issued by the competent authorities of the sending State or of the receiving State;
 - (e) carry out other notarial functions authorized by the sending State that are not contrary to the law of the receiving State.
2. When used in the receiving State, the documents drawn up, certified or authenticated by a consular officer in accordance with the law of the receiving State, shall have the same validity and effect as the documents drawn up, certified or authenticated by the competent authorities of the receiving State.
3. A consular officer shall be entitled to receive or take into temporary custody the certificates and documents of a national of the sending State provided that this is not incompatible with the law of the receiving State.

ARTICLE 6

Assistance to Nationals of the Sending State

1. A consular officer shall be entitled to:
 - (a) communicate and meet freely with nationals of the sending State in the consular district, and the receiving State shall neither restrict communication between nationals of the sending State and a consular post nor restrict their access to the consular post;
 - (b) ascertain living and work conditions of nationals of the sending State in the receiving State and provide them with necessary assistance;
 - (c) address the competent authorities of the receiving State to ascertain the whereabouts of a national of the sending State, and the said authorities shall do everything possible to provide the relevant information. The receiving State shall do everything possible to facilitate direct communications between consular officers and nationals of the sending State;
 - (d) receive and take into temporary custody money or valuables of a national of the sending State in accordance with the law of the receiving State.