

4. If the Requesting State accepts assistance subject to the terms and conditions referred to in paragraph 3(b), it shall comply with said terms and conditions.

ARTICLE VI

REQUESTS

1. Requests shall be made by the Central Authority of the Requesting State directly to the Central Authority of the Requested State.

2. Requests shall be made in writing where compulsory process is required by the Requested State. In urgent circumstances, such requests may be made orally, but shall be confirmed in writing forthwith.

3. A request shall contain such information as the Requested State requires to execute the request, including

- (a) the name of the competent authority conducting the investigation or proceeding to which the request relates;
- (b) the subject matter and nature of the investigation or proceeding to which the request relates;
- (c) a description of the evidence, information or other assistance sought;
- (d) the purpose for which the evidence, information or other assistance is sought, and any time limitations relevant thereto; and
- (e) requirements for confidentiality.

4. The Courts of the Requesting State shall be authorized to order lawful disclosure of such information as is necessary to enable the Requested State to execute the request.

5. The Requested State shall use its best efforts to keep confidential a request and its contents except when otherwise authorized by the Requesting State.

ARTICLE VII

EXECUTION OF REQUESTS

1. The Central Authority of the Requested State shall promptly execute the request or, when appropriate, transmit it to