

4. Before refusing a request for assistance or before postponing the execution of a request, the Requested State shall consider whether assistance may be provided subject to such conditions as it deems necessary. If the Requesting State accepts assistance subject to these conditions, it shall comply with them.

PART II: SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 4

Locating and Identifying Persons and Objects

The competent authorities of the Requested State shall make every effort to ascertain the location and identity of the persons and objects specified in the request.

ARTICLE 5

Service of Documents

1. The Requested State shall serve any document transmitted to it for service.
2. The Requesting State shall transmit a request to serve a document pertaining to a reply or appearance in the Requesting State within a reasonable time before the date fixed for the reply or appearance.
3. The Requested State shall transmit proof of service in the manner prescribed by the Requesting State.

ARTICLE 6

Provision of Information, Documents, Records and Objects

1. The Requested State shall provide copies of publicly available information, documents and records in the possession of government departments and agencies.
2. The Requested State shall provide information, documents, records and objects in the possession of government departments or agencies, but not publicly available, to the same extent and under the same conditions as it would make them available to its own law enforcement and judicial authorities.
3. The Requested State may provide certified true copies of records or documents, unless the Requesting State expressly requests the originals.
4. Originals of records or documents or objects provided to the Requesting State shall be returned to the Requested State as soon as possible, upon request.
5. Unless prohibited by the law of the Requested State, records, documents or objects shall be provided in such form or accompanied by such certification as may be specified by the Requesting State so that they are admissible in evidence according to the law of the Requesting State.