

Article 16 - Appearance of Witnesses and Experts in the Requesting State

1. Any person in the Requested State may be called upon to appear as a witness or as an expert in an investigation or proceedings underway in the Requesting State, if he or she is not the subject of that investigation or proceedings.

2. The person shall be invited to appear. The Requested State shall communicate the person's reply to the Requesting State without delay.

3. A person who agrees to appear in the Requesting State may require that State to issue an advance for his or her travel and accommodation expenses.

Article 17 - Failure to Appear and Compensation

1. The witness or expert who fails to answer a request for his or her appearance service of which has been requested, shall not, even if the request contains a notice of penalty, be subjected to any punishment or compulsory measure unless, subsequently, he or she voluntarily enters the territory of the Requesting State and is there again duly summoned.

2. Compensation payable, including travel and accommodation expenses to be reimbursed to the witness or expert by the Requesting State, shall be calculated from their place of residence and paid at a rate at least equal to that specified by the tariffs and regulations in effect in the country where the hearing is to take place.