

- a) execution of the request would require the requested State to exceed its legal authority or would otherwise be prohibited by legal provisions in force in that State, or when the information requested is not obtainable under the laws or in the normal course of the administration of the requested State or of the other Contracting State, in which case the competent authorities of both Contracting States shall consult with each other to agree upon alternative lawful means for securing assistance;
- b) execution of the request would in the judgement of the requested State be contrary to its national security or public policy;
- c) to supply information would disclose any trade, business, industrial, commercial, or professional secret or trade process;
- d) execution of the request would impose on a Contracting State the obligation to carry out measures at variance with the laws or the administrative practices of that or the other Contracting State; or
- e) the request does not comply with the provisions of this Convention.

4. The Contracting States shall provide assistance through exchanges of information authorized pursuant to