

ARTICLE 17**CONSULAR OFFICIALS**

1. Consular officials may take evidence in the territory of the receiving state from a witness on a voluntary basis without a formal request. Prior notice of the intended proceedings shall be given to the receiving state. That state may refuse its consent for any reason provided in Article 3.
2. Consular officials may serve documents on an individual who appears voluntarily at the consular premises.

ARTICLE 18**EXPENSES**

1. The Requested State shall meet the cost of executing the request for assistance, except that the Requesting State shall bear:
 - a) the expenses associated with conveying any person to or from the territory of the Requested State at the request of the Requesting State, and any allowance or expenses payable to that person while in the Requesting State pursuant to a request under Articles 7 or 8 of this Treaty; and
 - b) the expenses and fees of experts either in the Requested State or the Requesting State.
2. If it becomes apparent that the execution of the request requires expenses of an extraordinary nature, the Contracting Parties shall consult to determine the terms and conditions under which the requested assistance can be provided.

PART IV FINAL PROVISIONS**ARTICLE 19****OTHER ASSISTANCE**

This Treaty shall not derogate from obligations subsisting between the Contracting Parties whether pursuant to other treaties, arrangements or otherwise, or prevent the Contracting Parties providing or continuing to provide assistance to each other pursuant to other treaties, arrangements or otherwise.