

ARTICLE 16**CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. The Requested State may require, after consultation with the Requesting State, that information or evidence furnished or the source of such information or evidence be kept confidential or be disclosed or used only subject to such terms and conditions as it may specify.
2. The Requesting State may require that the Requested State keep confidential a request, its contents, supporting documents and any action taken pursuant to the request except to the extent necessary to execute it.
3. Where a request is refused, confidentiality will be maintained.
4. Disclosure may be made by the Requested State, in the course of execution of a request, when the protection of the rights of interested third parties makes it necessary.

ARTICLE 17**LIMITATION ON USE OF
INFORMATION OR EVIDENCE**

1. The Requesting State shall not disclose or use information or evidence furnished for purposes other than those stated in the request without the prior consent of the Central Authority of the Requested State.
2. Information or evidence which has been made public in the Requesting State in accordance with paragraph 1 may thereafter be used for any purpose in both States.

ARTICLE 18**LANGUAGE**

Requests and supporting documents shall be accompanied by a translation into one of the official languages of the Requested State.

ARTICLE 19**CONSULAR OFFICIALS**

1. The Requesting State may request the Requested State to invite a person to voluntarily appear to give testimony or information to a consular representative in the consular premises of the Requesting State in the Requested State provided this is not prohibited by the law of the Requested State.
2. The Requested State may attend at the hearing.