

ARTICLE 3

REFUSAL OR POSTPONEMENT OF ASSISTANCE

- (1) Assistance may be refused if, in the opinion of the Requested State, the execution of the request would impair its sovereignty, security, public order or essential public interest or prejudice the safety of any person.
- (2) Assistance may be refused if the offence is regarded by the Requested State as an offence only under military law.
- (3) Assistance may be postponed by the Requested State if execution of the request would interfere with an ongoing investigation or prosecution in the Requested State.
- (4) The Requested State shall promptly inform the Requesting State of a decision of the Requested State not to comply in whole or in part with a request for assistance, or to postpone execution, and shall give reasons for that decision.
- (5) Before refusing to grant a request for assistance or before postponing the grant of such assistance, the Requested State shall consider whether assistance may be granted 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

LOCATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS AND OBJECTS