

2. The Requesting State may require that the request, its contents, supporting documents and any action taken pursuant to the request be kept confidential. If the request cannot be executed without breaching the confidentiality requirement, the Requested State shall so inform the Requesting State prior to executing the request and the latter shall then determine whether the request should nevertheless be executed.

ARTICLE 18

Limitation of Use

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.

ARTICLE 19

Authentication

Documents, records or objects transmitted pursuant to this Treaty shall not require any form of authentication, except as specified in Article 6.

ARTICLE 20

Language

Requests and supporting documents shall be in the official language, or one of the official languages of the Requested State.

ARTICLE 21

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 expenses payable to that person while in the Requesting State pursuant to a request under Article 10 or 11 of this Treaty;
 - (b) the expenses and fees of experts in the Requested State or the Requesting State;
 - (c) the expenses of translation, interpretation and transcription.
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.