

ARTICLE 6**EXPENSES FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

1. The Requested Party shall pay the costs of providing legal assistance , except for the following expenses which shall be borne by the Requesting Party:
 - a) the travel, board and lodging expenses of persons travelling to the Requesting Party pursuant to a request for assistance as well as any allowances payable to that person. These shall be paid according to the standards or regulations of the Requesting Party; and
 - b) the expenses and fees of experts either in the Requested or Requesting Party.
2. The Requesting Party shall specify in the request or accompanying document the expenses and fees payable and shall pay the expenses and fees in advance if so requested by the person or expert.
3. If it becomes apparent that the execution of the request requires expenses of an extraordinary nature, the Parties shall consult to determine the terms and conditions under which the requested assistance can be provided.

ARTICLE 7**REFUSAL OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

1. Assistance may be refused by the Requested Party if:
 - a) the Requested Party considers that the execution of the request would impair its sovereignty, security, public order or other essential public interest, or the case may be more properly prosecuted by the Requested Party;
 - b) in accordance with the law of the requested Party, the conduct of the suspect, defendant or convicted person referred to in the letter of request does not constitute an offence in the Requested Party; or
 - c) there are substantial grounds leading the Requested Party to believe that compliance would facilitate the prosecution or punishment of the person to whom the request refers on account of race, religion, nationality or political opinions.