

- (d) providing objects, including lending exhibits;
- (e) searches and seizures;
- (f) taking evidence and obtaining statements;
- (g) authorizing persons from the Requesting State to be present when requests are executed;
- (h) making detained persons available to give evidence or assist in investigations;
- (i) facilitating the appearance of witnesses or the assistance of persons in investigations;
- (j) taking measures to locate, restrain and forfeit the proceeds of crime;
- (k) providing other assistance consistent with the objects of this Treaty.

ARTICLE 2

Execution of Requests

1. Requests for assistance shall be executed promptly in accordance with the law of the Requested State and, insofar as it is not prohibited by that law, in the manner specified by the Requesting State.
2. Upon request, the Requested State shall inform the Requesting State of the date and place of the execution of the request for assistance.
3. The Requested State may not refuse to execute a request on the grounds of bank secrecy.

ARTICLE 3

Refusal or Postponement of Assistance

1. Assistance may be refused if:
 - (a) the Requested State is of the opinion that execution of the request would impair its sovereignty, security, public order or other essential public interest;
 - (b) there is sufficient basis for the Requested State to believe that executing the request would facilitate the prosecution of or imposition of penalties against the person who is the subject of the request by reason of that person's race, religion, nationality or political opinion; or
 - (c) the offence is regarded by the Requested State as being an offence only under military law.
2. 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.