initiate appropriate proceedings in relation to the property or assets found in the Requested State.

4.   In the application of this Article the rights of bona fide third parties shall be respected.

ARTICLE XV - SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

1.   The Requested State shall serve any document transmitted to it for the purpose of service.

2.   The Requesting State shall transmit a request for the service of a document pertaining to a response or appearance in the Requesting State within a reasonable time before the scheduled response or appearance.

3.   The Requested State shall return a proof of service in the manner required by the Requesting State.

ARTICLE XVI - PUBLICLY AVAILABLE AND OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

1.   The Requested State shall provide copies of documents and records that are available to the public.

2.   The Requested State may provide copies of any document, record or information in the possession of a government department or agency, but not publicly available, to the same extent and under the same conditions as would be available to its own law enforcement and judicial authorities.

ARTICLE XVII - AUTHENTICATION

Each Contracting Party shall, upon request, authenticate any documents or other material to be transmitted to the other Party under this Treaty. Documents are authenticated if:

a)   they purport to be signed or certified by a judge, magistrate or officer in or of the sending State; and

b)   they purport to be authenticated by the oath or affirmation of a witness or to be sealed with an official seal of the sending State or of a Department thereof.

ARTICLE XVIII - REPRESENTATION AND COSTS

1.   Subject to paragraphs 2 and 3, the Requested State shall make all necessary arrangements for the representation of the Requesting State in any proceedings arising out of a request for assistance and shall otherwise represent the interests of the Requesting State.

2.   The Requested State shall assume all ordinary expenses of fulfilling the request for assistance except that the Requesting State shall bear: