

ARTICLE 4**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 requested by the Requesting State.
2. The Requested State shall, upon request, inform the Requesting State of the time and place of execution of the request for assistance.
3. 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.
4. The Requested State shall not decline execution of a request on the ground of bank secrecy.

ARTICLE 5**REFUSAL OR POSTPONEMENT OF ASSISTANCE**

1. Assistance may be refused by the Requested State if in the opinion of the Requested State the execution of the request would impair its sovereignty, security, public order or other essential interests, or prejudice the safety of any person.
2. Assistance may be refused if execution of the request would be contrary to the domestic law of the Requested State.
3. The Requested State may refuse to execute a request seeking restraint, forfeiture or confiscation of proceeds of a crime which, had it occurred in the Requested State, would not have been a crime in respect of which an order of restraint, forfeiture or confiscation could have been made. However the Requested State shall not refuse a request for other types of assistance relating to a proceeds of crime case because a restraint, forfeiture, or confiscation order for the proceeds of the crime could not have been obtained in the Requested State.