

- (b) serving documents, including documents seeking the attendance of persons;
- (c) providing information, documents and other records, including criminal records, judicial records and government records;
- (d) delivering property;
- (e) lending of exhibits;
- (f) taking evidence and obtaining statements of persons;
- (g) executing requests for search and seizure;
- (h) making persons in custody and others, including experts, available to give evidence or assist investigations;
- (i) taking measures to locate, restrain, seize and confiscate the proceeds of crime; and
- (j) providing other assistance consistent with the purpose of this Treaty.

ARTICLE 2

Execution of Requests

1. Requests for legal assistance shall be executed promptly in accordance with the law of the Requested Party and, insofar as it is not prohibited by that law, in the manner specified by the Requesting Party.
2. The Requested Party shall, when the Requesting Party specifically requests it, inform the Requesting Party of the time and place of execution of the request.
3. The Requested Party shall not decline execution of a request on the ground of bank secrecy.

ARTICLE 3

Refusal or Postponement of Legal Assistance

1. Legal assistance may be refused if, in the opinion of the Requested Party the execution of the request would impair its sovereignty, security, public order or any other essential public interest.
2. Legal assistance may be postponed by the Requested Party if execution of the request would interfere with an ongoing investigation or prosecution in the jurisdiction of the Requested Party.
3. The Requested Party shall promptly inform the Requesting Party of a decision not to comply in whole or in part with a request, or to postpone execution, and shall give reasons for that decision.
4. Before refusing to grant a request for legal assistance or before postponing the granting of such assistance, the Requested Party shall consider whether legal assistance may be granted subject to such conditions as it deems necessary. If the Requesting Party accepts legal assistance subject to these conditions, it shall comply with them.