

addressed, shall repay to the other High Contracting Party any expenses incurred by the competent authority of the latter in the execution of the request in respect of any charges and expenses payable to witnesses, experts, interpreters, or translators, the costs of obtaining the attendance of witnesses who have not appeared voluntarily, and the charges and expenses payable to any person whom such authority may have deputed to act, in cases where the law of the country of execution permits this to be done, and any charges and expenses incurred by reason of a special procedure being requested and followed. These expenses shall be such as are usually allowed in similar cases in the courts of the country of execution.

(b) The repayment of these expenses shall be claimed by the competent authority by whom the Letter of Request has been executed from the Diplomatic or Consular Officer by whom it was transmitted when sending to him the documents establishing its execution as provided in Article 8 (h).

(c) Except as above provided no fees of any description shall be payable by one High Contracting Party to the other in respect of the taking of evidence.

IV.—*Judicial Assistance for Poor Persons, Security for Costs and Imprisonment for Debt*

ARTICLE 12

(a) The subjects or citizens of one High Contracting Party, resident in the territory of the other High Contracting Party where the proceedings are brought, shall not be compelled to give security for costs or court fees in any case where a subject or citizen of such other High Contracting Party would not be so compelled.

(b) The subjects or citizens of one High Contracting Party, resident outside the territory of the other where the proceedings are brought, shall not be obliged to give security for costs or court fees in any case where they possess in that territory immovable property, or other property of such a nature as not to be readily transferable, sufficient to cover the said costs or fees. It is understood that the expressions "immovable property" and "property not readily transferable" must be interpreted by the respective courts of the High Contracting Parties in accordance with their own laws.

ARTICLE 13

The subjects or citizens of one High Contracting Party shall enjoy in the territory of the other High Contracting Party a perfect equality of treatment with subjects or citizens of the latter High Contracting Party as regards free legal assistance for poor persons.

ARTICLE 14

The subjects or citizens of one High Contracting Party shall not, in the territory of the other, be liable to imprisonment as a means of execution for debt or as a conservatory measure, in any case where the subjects or citizens of the latter High Contracting Party would not be so liable.

V.—*General Provisions*

ARTICLE 15

Any difficulties which may arise in connection with the operation of this Convention shall be settled through the diplomatic channel.