

ARTICLE 20**EXPENSES**

- (1) The Requested State shall assume the costs of executing the request for assistance, except for the following costs which shall be borne by the Requesting State:
 - (a) the expenses associated with conveying any person to or from the territory of the Requested State at the request of the Requesting State, and any allowance or expenses payable to that person while in the Requesting or Requested State pursuant to a request under Articles 8(2), 9 or 11;
 - (b) the expenses and fees of experts, whether arising in the Requested State or the Requesting State.
- (2) If it becomes apparent that the execution of the request requires expenses of an extraordinary nature, the Contracting States shall consult to determine the terms and conditions under which the requested assistance can be provided.

PART IV**FINAL PROVISIONS****ARTICLE 21****OTHER ASSISTANCE**

This Treaty shall not interfere with any mutual legal assistance obligations arising from other treaties or arrangements between the Contracting States nor with any other form of assistance between the competent authorities of the Contracting States.

ARTICLE 22**SCOPE OF APPLICATION**

This Treaty shall apply to any requests presented after its entry into force, even if the relevant acts or omissions arose prior to that date.

ARTICLE 23**CONSULTATIONS**

The Contracting Parties shall consult promptly, at the request of either Party, concerning the interpretation and the application of this Treaty.