

3. The Requested Party shall to the extent requested keep confidential a request, its contents, supporting documents and any action taken pursuant to the request except to the extent necessary to execute it or where the disclosure is specifically authorized by the Requesting Party in accordance with any terms and conditions it may specify. In that case, the Requested Party shall use its best efforts to comply with the conditions specified.

4. Subject to paragraph 3 of this Article, if the request cannot be executed without breaching the confidentiality requirements stated in the request, the Requested Party shall so inform the Requesting Party which shall then determine the extent to which it wishes the request to be executed.

5. Information or evidence which has been made public in accordance with paragraphs 2 or 3 may thereafter be used for any purpose.

#### **Article 13**

##### **Authentication**

Evidence or documents transmitted pursuant to this Treaty shall not require any form of authentication, save as is specified in Article 5.

#### **Article 14**

##### **Language**

Requests and supporting documents shall be accompanied by a translation into one of the official languages of the Requested Party.

#### **Article 15**

##### **Consular Officials**

1. Consular officials may take evidence in the territory of the receiving state from a witness on a voluntary basis without a formal request. Prior notice of the intended proceeding shall be given to the receiving state. That state may refuse its consent for any reason provided in Article 3.