

constitutes an offence in the Requested State or may be prosecuted by the Requested State.

5. This Treaty is intended solely for mutual assistance between the criminal law enforcement authorities of the Contracting States and is not intended or designed to provide such assistance to private parties.
6. A private party may not rely upon any provision of this Treaty to impede the execution of a request, or to exclude or suppress evidence obtained under the Treaty.
7. This Treaty shall not apply to the execution of arrest warrants or to military offences. For the purposes of this Treaty, military offences are violations of military laws and regulations which do not constitute offences under ordinary criminal law.

## ARTICLE 2

### Grounds for Refusal or Postponement

1. The Requested State may refuse to execute a request if it considers that:
  - (a) the request would prejudice the sovereignty, security or other essential public interest of the Requested State or the safety of any person; or
  - (b) the request relates to a political offence.
2. Assistance may be postponed by the Requested State if the execution of the request would interfere with an ongoing investigation, prosecution or proceeding in the Requested State.
3. Before refusing or postponing the execution of any request pursuant to this article, the Requested State shall determine whether assistance can be given subject to such conditions as it deems necessary. If the Requesting State accepts the assistance subject to these conditions, it shall comply with the conditions.