

Article 13

CONFIDENTIALITY

Either State may ask the other to keep confidential the request and its response, except to the extent necessary to execute the said request and to make use of the response. A State shall endeavour to comply with such a request.

Article 14

EXEMPTION FROM AUTHENTICATION

Requests for mutual assistance and their accompanying documents shall not require any form of authentication.

Article 15

REASONS FOR REFUSAL

The requested State shall inform the requesting State as soon as possible of any decision to deny a request in whole or in part and of the reason thereof.

Article 16

EXPENSES

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 10, execution of requests for mutual assistance shall not entail refunding of expenses except those incurred by the attendance of experts in the territory of the requested State or the transfer of a person in custody carried out under Article 11.