

II. Specific Provisions

ARTICLE 2

Legal Protection and Access to the Courts of Justice

The subjects (or citizens) of one High Contracting Party shall enjoy in the territory of the other the same rights in respect of the legal protection of persons or property and shall have free access to the courts of justice for the prosecution or defence of their rights under the same conditions (including the taxes and fees payable) as subjects (or citizens) of the latter High Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 3

Security for Costs

The subjects (or citizens) of one High Contracting Party resident in the territory of the other shall not be obliged to give security for costs or court fees in any case where the subjects (or citizens) of the latter High Contracting Party would not be so obliged in similar circumstances.

ARTICLE 4

Free Legal Assistance

(1) The subjects (or citizens) of one High Contracting Party shall in the territory of the other enjoy free legal assistance in the same manner as subjects (or citizens) of the latter High Contracting Party, provided they comply with the requirements of the law of the territory where application for free legal assistance is made.

(2) This article applies to criminal as well as to civil and commercial matters.

ARTICLE 5

Imprisonment for Debt

The subjects (or citizens) of one High Contracting Party shall not in the territory of the other High Contracting Party 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 would not be so liable.

III. General Provisions

ARTICLE 6

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

ARTICLE 7

The present Convention, of which the English and Czechoslovak texts are equally authentic, shall be subject to ratification.

Ratifications shall be exchanged in London. The Convention shall come into force one month after the date on which ratifications are exchanged and shall remain in force for three years after the date of its coming into force. If neither of the High Contracting Parties shall have given notice through the diplomatic channel to the other not less than six months before the expiration of the said period of three years of his intention to terminate the Convention, it shall remain in force until the expiration of six months from the day on which either of the High Contracting Parties shall have given notice to terminate it.