

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **Central authorities**

1. Central authorities shall transmit and receive all requests and responses thereto for the purposes of this Treaty. The Central Authority for Canada shall be the Minister of Justice or an official designated by that Minister; the Central Authority for Portugal shall be the Minister of Justice or an official designated by that Minister.
2. The Central Authorities shall communicate directly.
3. The preceding paragraphs do not affect assistance provided through the facilities of Interpol.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **Limitation of Use and Confidentiality**

1. The Requested State may require, after consultation with the Requesting State, that information or evidence furnished or the source of such information or evidence be kept confidential or be disclosed or used only subject to such terms and conditions as it may specify.
2. The Requesting State shall not disclose or use information or evidence furnished for purposes other than those stated in the request without the prior consent of the central authority of the Requested State.
3. The Requested State 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 State in accordance with any terms and conditions it may specify.
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 State shall so inform the Requesting State which shall then determine the extent to which it wishes the request to be executed.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **Authentication**

Evidence or documents transmitted pursuant to this Treaty shall not require any form of authentication, save as is specified in Article 4.