

2. Where a request cannot be executed for the reasons in paragraph 1 or because execution is prohibited by domestic law, the Requested Party shall promptly return the request and accompanying documentation to the Requesting Party and shall give reasons for the decision.

3. Before refusing to grant a request for assistance or before postponing the grant of such assistance, the Requested Party shall consider whether assistance may be granted subject to such conditions as it deems necessary. If the Requesting Party accepts assistance subject to these conditions, it shall comply with them.

ARTICLE 8

AUTHENTICATION

Any documents or translations transmitted pursuant to this Treaty shall not require any form of authentication, subject to Article 16.

CHAPTER II - REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

ARTICLE 9

CONTENTS OF REQUESTS

1. In all cases requests for assistance shall include:
 - a) the name of the competent authority conducting the investigation or proceedings to which the request relates;
 - b) a description of the investigation or proceedings, including a summary of the relevant facts and laws;
 - c) the purpose for which the request is made and the nature of the assistance sought;
 - d) the need, if any, for confidentiality and the reasons therefor; and
 - e) any time limit within which compliance with the request is desired.
2. Requests for assistance shall also contain the following information:
 - a) where possible, the identity, nationality and location of the person or