

PART IV**Final Provisions****ARTICLE 17****Other Assistance**

This Treaty shall not derogate from obligations subsisting between the Contracting States whether pursuant to other Treaties, arrangements or otherwise prevent the Contracting States providing or continuing to provide assistance to each other pursuant to other Treaties, arrangements or otherwise.

ARTICLE 18**Scope of Application**

This Treaty shall apply to any request presented after its entry into force even if the relevant acts or omissions occurred before that date.

ARTICLE 19**Consultations**

The Contracting States shall consult promptly, at the request of either, concerning the interpretation and the application of this Treaty.

ARTICLE 20**Third States**

Where judicial authorities of a third State issue any order in the context of an investigation or prosecution that has the effect of requiring a national or resident of one of the Contracting States to undertake or refrain from any conduct in the territory of the other Contracting State that conflicts with the laws or established policies of that other Contracting State, the Contracting States agree to consult to identify means to avoid, or minimize such conflict.