

- (e) search and seizure;
- (f) taking evidence and obtaining statements;
- (g) permitting the presence of persons from the Requesting State at the execution of requests;
- (h) making detained persons available to give evidence or assist investigations;
- (i) facilitating the appearance of witnesses or the assistance of persons in investigations;
- (j) taking measures to locate, restrain and secure the confiscation of the proceeds of crime; and
- (k) providing other assistance consistent with the objects of this Treaty.

## ARTICLE 2

### Execution of Requests

1. Requests for assistance shall be executed promptly in accordance with the law of the Requested State and, insofar as not prohibited by that law, in the manner specified by the Requesting State.
2. The Requested State shall, upon request, inform the Requesting State of the date and place of execution of the request for assistance.
3. The Requested State shall not refuse to execute a request on the ground of bank secrecy.

## ARTICLE 3

### Refusal or Postponement of Assistance

1. Assistance may be refused if the request does not meet the legal requirements for execution in the Requested State or, in the opinion of the Requested State, the execution of the request would impair its sovereignty, security, order public, essential public interest, prejudice the safety of any person, or be unreasonable on other grounds.
2. Assistance may be postponed by the Requested State if execution of the request would interfere with an ongoing investigation or prosecution in the Requested State.
3. The Requested State shall promptly inform the Requesting State of a decision of the Requested State not to comply in whole or in part with a request for assistance, or to postpone execution, and shall give reasons for that decision.
4. Before refusing a request for assistance or before postponing the execution of a request, the Requested State shall consider whether assistance may be provided subject to such conditions as it deems necessary. If the Requesting State accepts assistance subject to these conditions, it shall comply with them.