

3. The requested State may postpone assistance if the execution of the request would interfere with an investigation or proceeding in the requested State.
4. The requested State shall:
 - a. promptly inform the requesting State of the reason for a denial or postponement of assistance; or
 - b. consult, if appropriate, with the requesting State to determine whether assistance may be given, subject to such terms and conditions as the requested State deems necessary.

Article 7

Execution of Requests

A request shall be executed expeditiously and in accordance with the law of the requested State. Procedures specified in the request, even if unfamiliar to the requested State, shall be followed except to the extent prohibited by the laws of the requested State.

Article 8

Protecting Confidentiality

1. At the request of the requesting State, the requested State shall keep confidential a request, its contents, supporting documents and any action taken pursuant to the request, except to the extent necessary to execute it.
2. If the request cannot be executed without breaching confidentiality requirements stated in the request, the requested State shall so inform the requesting State which shall then determine whether the request should nevertheless be executed.

Article 9

Taking of testimony and statements in the requested state

1. Where the taking of testimony of a person is requested, the requesting State may require that person's testimony to be taken under oath or affirmation. For this purpose that person shall, if necessary, be compelled to appear and testify in accordance with the law of the requested State.