

ARTICLE 22**Scope of Application**

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

ARTICLE 23**Consultations**

The Contracting Parties shall consult promptly, at the request of either Party, concerning the interpretation and the application of this Treaty, either generally or in relation to a particular request.

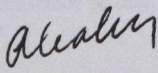
ARTICLE 24**Entry into Force and Termination**

1. This Treaty is subject to ratification and shall enter into force immediately upon the exchange of instruments of ratification which will take place in _____.
2. Either Contracting Party may terminate this Treaty. The termination shall take effect six months from the date on which the notice of termination of one Contracting Party is received by the other Contracting Party.
3. Notwithstanding that a Contracting Party has given notice pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the present Article, this Treaty continues to apply to requests made before notice was received.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives of both Governments, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement.

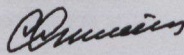
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