

- e) if the person whose extradition is requested cannot, according to the laws of the Requesting State, be prosecuted or punished by reason of prescription.
2. Extradition may be refused in any of the following circumstances:
- a) if the person whose extradition is requested is a national of the Requested State. Where the Requested State refuses to extradite a national of that State it shall, if the other State so requests, submit the case to the competent authorities in order that proceedings for the prosecution of the person in respect of all or any of the offences for which extradition has been requested may be taken;
 - b) if the offence for which extradition is requested is subject to the jurisdiction of the Requested State and that State will prosecute that offence;
 - c) if the offence for which the extradition is requested is punishable by death under the law of the Requesting State;
 - d) if the person sought has been convicted in absentia; or
 - e) if final judgment has been rendered in a Third State in respect of the offence for which extradition is requested, provided that:
 - (i) the judgment imposed in the State of the commission of the offence resulted in the person's acquittal; or
 - (ii) the term of imprisonment or other deprivation of liberty to which the person was sentenced has been completely enforced or has been the subject of a pardon or an amnesty.

ARTICLE 4

Channels of Communication

Requests for extradition and any subsequent correspondence shall be communicated between the Ministries of Justice of the Contracting Parties; however, the use of the diplomatic channel is not excluded.

ARTICLE 5

Request and Supporting Documents

1. The request for extradition shall be in writing and in all cases shall be supported by:
 - a) information concerning the description, identity, location and nationality of the person sought; and
 - b) the text of the provisions of the law of the Requesting State applicable to the offence, including any law relating to prescription and, where the offence occurred outside the territory of the Requesting State, any law relating to jurisdiction.