

ARTICLE IX - EXECUTION OF REQUESTS

(1) The central authority of the Requested State shall take whatever steps it considers necessary to secure the prompt execution of a request.

(2) A request shall be executed in so far as permitted by the law of the Requested State and in so far as possible in accordance with any specific requirements stated in the request.

(3) The Requesting State shall promptly inform the Requested State of any circumstances which may affect the request or its execution or which may make it inappropriate to proceed with giving effect to it.

(4) Where required by the Requested State, the Requesting State, after the completion of the proceedings, shall return to the Requested State material provided by the Requested State in fulfillment of the request.

ARTICLE X - PROTECTING CONFIDENTIALITY AND RESTRICTING USE OF EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION

(1) The Requested State shall to any extent requested keep confidential a request, its contents, supporting documents and any action taken pursuant to the request, except to the extent necessary to execute it, or where the disclosure is specifically authorized by the Requesting State in accordance with any terms and conditions it may specify.

(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 the extent to which it wishes the request to be executed.

(3) The Requested State may require, after consultation with the Requesting State, that information or evidence furnished be kept confidential or be disclosed or used only subject to terms and conditions it may specify.

(4) The Requesting State shall not use evidence or information obtained pursuant to a request, for purposes other than those stated in the request, without the prior consent of the Requested State.

(5) Information made public in the Requesting State in accordance with paragraph (4) of this Article may be used for any purpose.

ARTICLE XI - TAKING OF EVIDENCE IN THE REQUESTED STATE

(1) A request may be made for evidence to be taken in the Requested State.

(2) For the purposes of requests under this Article, the Requesting State may specify any particular questions to be put to a witness.