

## ARTICLE 19

### CONSULAR OFFICIALS

Consular officials may, in accordance with Article 5 paragraph (j) of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, take evidence from a witness on a voluntary basis without a formal request. Prior notice shall be given to the Receiving State. That State may refuse its consent for any reason provided in Article 3.

## ARTICLE 20

### EXPENSES

(1) The Requested State shall meet the cost of executing the request for assistance, except that the Requesting State shall bear:

- (a) the expenses associated with conveying any person to or from the territory of the Requested State, at the request of the Requesting State, and any allowance or expenses payable to that person while in the Requesting State pursuant to a request under Articles 8 or 10 of this Treaty; and
- (b) the expenses and fees of experts either in the Requested State or the Requesting State.

(2) If it becomes apparent that the execution of the request requires expenses of an extraordinary nature, the Contracting Parties shall consult to