3. The safe conduct provided in accordance with paragraph 1 to the person who consents to be transferred to the requesting Party under Article 14 shall cease when that person returns to the requested Party.

4. A person who does not consent to appear before the appropriate authority in the requesting Party under Article 13 or a person who does not consent to be transferred to the requesting Party under Article 14 shall not, by reason thereof, be liable to any penalty or be subjected to any compulsory measure in the requesting Party, notwithstanding any contrary statement in the request.

Article 16

1. The requested Party shall effect service of judicial documents that are transmitted to it for this purpose by the requesting Party.

2. A request for service of a judicial document requiring the appearance of a person before an appropriate authority in the requesting Party shall be received by the requested Party not less than forty-five (45) days before the date on which the appearance is required. In urgent cases, the requested Party may waive this requirement.

3. In informing the result of the execution of a request for service of a judicial document in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of Article 5, the Central Authority of the requested Party shall inform the Central Authority of the requesting Party in writing of the fact that the service was effected, as well as the date, place and manner of the service.

4. A person who does not comply with a judicial document requiring the appearance of the person before an appropriate authority in the requesting Party served pursuant to this Article shall not, by reason thereof, be liable to any penalty or be subjected to any compulsory measure in the requesting Party, notwithstanding any contrary statement in that document.

Article 17

1. The requested Party shall assist, to the extent permitted by its laws, in proceedings related to the confiscation of the proceeds or instrumentalities of criminal offences. Such assistance may include action to identify, trace and temporarily immobilize the proceeds or instrumentalities pending further proceedings.

2. The requested Party that has custody over proceeds or instrumentalities of criminal offences may transfer such proceeds or instrumentalities, in whole or in part, to the requesting Party, to the extent permitted by the laws of the requested Party and upon such conditions as it deems appropriate. Such transfer may take place irrespective of whether taking custody over the proceeds or instrumentalities of criminal offences took place before, on or after the entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 18

Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent either Party from requesting assistance from or providing assistance to the other Party in accordance with other applicable international agreements, or pursuant to its laws that may be applicable.

Article 19

1. The Central Authorities of the Parties shall hold consultations for the purpose of facilitating speedy and effective assistance under this Agreement, and may decide on such measures as may be necessary for this purpose.

2. The Parties shall, if necessary, hold consultations on any matter that may arise in the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement and shall make every effort to reach agreement.

3. Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved through diplomatic channels.

Article 20

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date on which the Parties exchange notes informing each other that their respective internal legal procedures necessary for entry into force of this Agreement have been completed.

2. This Agreement shall apply to any request for assistance presented on or after the date upon which this Agreement enters into force, whether the acts relevant to the request were committed before, on or after that date.