3. The requesting Party shall comply with a request made pursuant to paragraph 1 or 2. When such a request has been made, the requesting Party shall not examine the items without the prior consent of the Central Authority of the requested Party if the examination impairs or could impair the item.

Article 9

1. The requested Party shall take testimony, statements or items in accordance with the laws of the requested Party. In taking testimony, statements or items, the requested Party shall employ compulsory measures, including search and seizure, if such measures are necessary and the request includes information justifying those measures under the laws of the requested Party.

2. The requested Party shall make its best efforts to make possible the presence of such persons as specified in a request for taking testimony, statements or items during the execution of the request, and to allow such persons to question the person from whom testimony, statements or items are sought. In the event that such direct questioning is not permitted, such persons specified in the request shall be allowed to submit questions to be posed to the person from whom testimony, statements or items are sought.

3. If a person, from whom testimony, statements or items are sought pursuant to this Article, asserts a claim of immunity, incapacity or privilege under the laws of the requesting Party, testimony, statements or items shall nevertheless be taken. In cases where testimony, statements or items are taken in accordance with this paragraph, they shall be provided, together with the claim, to the Central Authority of the requesting Party for resolution of the claim by the competent authorities of the requesting Party.

Article 10

1. The requested Party shall examine persons, items or places in accordance with the laws of the requested Party. The requested Party shall employ compulsory measures in order to do so, if such measures are necessary and the request includes information justifying those measures under the laws of the requested Party.

2. The requested Party shall make its best efforts to make possible the presence of such persons as specified in a request for examining persons, items or places during the execution of the request.

Article 11

The requested Party shall make its best efforts to locate or identify persons, items or places.

Article 12

1. The requested Party shall provide the requesting Party with items that are in the possession of the legislative, executive, judicial or other national authorities of the requested Party as well as the local authorities thereof and are available to the general public.

2. The requested Party shall make its best efforts to provide the requesting Party with items that are in the possession of the legislative, executive, judicial or other national authorities of the requested Party as well as the local authorities thereof and are not available to the general public, to the same extent and under the same conditions as such items would be available to its investigative and prosecuting authorities.

Article 13

1. The requested Party shall inform a person in the requested Party of an invitation to appear before the appropriate authority in the requesting Party. The requested Party shall effect service of a document requiring the appearance of a person before the appropriate authority in the requesting Party.

2. The Central Authority of the requesting Party shall inform the Central Authority of the requested Party of the extent to which the allowances and expenses for the appearance under paragraph 1 will be paid by the requesting Party. The Central Authority of the requested Party shall, upon request, promptly inform the Central Authority of the requesting Party of the response of the person whose appearance is sought.