Article 14

Providing items in the possession of public officials

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

2. At the request of the requesting Party, the requested Party may, in its discretion, provide the requesting Party, in whole or in part, or subject to such conditions as it deems appropriate, with items that are in the possession of the legislative, administrative or judicial authorities of the requested Party as well as the local authorities thereof and that are not available to the general public.

Article 15

Presenting an invitation to appear

1. At the request of the requesting Party, the requested Party shall present an invitation in writing to a person in the requested Party whose appearance is sought before the competent authority in the requesting Party for the purpose of an investigation, prosecution or other criminal proceeding.

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.

3. A person whose appearance is sought before the competent authority in the requesting Party under this Article shall not be subject to detention or any restriction of personal liberty in the territory of the requesting Party by reason of any conduct or conviction that precedes the departure from the requested Party of the person, nor shall the person be obliged to give testimony, statements or items in any proceeding or to assist in any proceeding other than the criminal proceeding which is specified in the request, unless the person consents and the approval of the Central Authorities of the Parties is given.

4. The safe conduct provided in accordance with paragraph 3 to the person whose appearance is sought before the competent authority in the requesting Party under this Article shall cease when:

(a) fifteen (15) days have passed since the person was notified in writing by the competent authority that the appearance of the person is no longer necessary, and the person has not left the requesting Party;

(b) the person, having left the requesting Party, voluntarily returns to it; or

(c) fifteen (15) days have passed since the scheduled appearance date of the person who failed to appear before the competent authority on that date due to reasons other than those arising out of circumstances beyond their control, and the person has not left the requesting Party.

5. When the safe conduct ceases pursuant to paragraph 4, the Central Authority of the requesting Party shall so inform the Central Authority of the requested Party without delay.

6. A person who does not appear before the competent authority in the requesting Party under 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 the request or a document related to the appearance of the person.