

2. Nothing in this Convention shall be interpreted as imposing an obligation to afford mutual assistance if the requested State has substantial grounds for believing that the request for mutual assistance in respect of an offence mentioned in Article 1 or 2 has been made for the purpose of prosecuting or punishing a person on account of his race, religion, nationality or political opinion or that that person's position may be prejudiced for any of these reasons.

3. The provisions of all treaties and arrangements concerning mutual assistance in criminal matters applicable between Contracting States, including the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, are modified as between Contracting States to the extent that they are incompatible with this Convention.

Article 9

1. The European Committee on Crime Problems of the Council of Europe shall be kept informed regarding the application of this Convention.

2. It shall do whatever is needful to facilitate a friendly settlement of any difficulty which may arise out of its execution.

Article 10

1. Any dispute between Contracting States concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention, which has not been settled in the framework of Article 9, paragraph 2, shall, at the request of any Party to the dispute, be referred to arbitration. Each Party shall nominate an arbitrator and the two arbitrators shall nominate a referee. If any Party has not nominated its arbitrator within the three months following the request for arbitration, he shall be nominated at the request of the other Party by the President of the European Court of Human Rights. If the latter should be a national of one of the Parties to the dispute, this duty shall be carried out by the Vice-President of the Court or, if the Vice-President is a national of one of the Parties to the dispute, by the most senior judge of the Court not being a national of one of the Parties to the dispute.

2. Intet i denne konvention skal fortolkes som forpligtende til gensidig bistand, hvis den anmodede stat har vægtige grunde til at antage, at anmodningen om gensidig bistand i forbindelse med en i artikel 1 eller 2 nævnt forbrydelse er fremsat med det formål at tiltale eller straffe en person på grund af hans race, religion, nationalitet eller politiske overbevisning, eller at den pågældendes stilling kan blive forringet af disse grunde.

3. Bestemmelserne i samtlige traktater og ordninger vedrørende gensidig bistand i straffesager mellem de kontraherende stater, herunder den europæiske konvention om gensidig bistand i straffesager, er herved ændret i forholdet mellem de kontraherende stater i det omfang, sådanne bestemmelser er uforenelige med denne konvention.

Artikel 9

1. Den europæiske kriminalkomité skal holdes underrettet om denne konventions anvendelse.

2. Komitéen skal i videst muligt omfang søge at fremme en fredelig løsning af enhver vanskelighed, som måtte opstå ved konventionens virke.

Artikel 10

1. Enhver uoverensstemmelse mellem de kontraherende stater vedrørende fortolkningen eller anvendelsen af denne konvention, som ikke er løst inden for rammerne af artikel 9, stk. 2, skal, hvis det begæres af en af tvistens parter, henvises til voldgift. Hver part skal udpege en voldgiftsmand, og de to voldgiftsmænd skal udpege en opmand. Såfremt en af parterne ikke har udpeget sin voldgiftsmand senest 3 måneder efter, at anmodningen om voldgift er fremsat, skal denne voldgiftsmand efter anmodning af den anden part udpeges af præsidenten for Den Europæiske Domstol for Menneskerettigheder. Såfremt præsidenten er statsborger i en af de stater, som er part i tvisten, skal voldgiftsmanden udpeges af Domstolens vicepræsident eller, dersom vicepræsidenten er statsborger i en af de stater, som er part i tvisten, af den af Dom-