

2. Where no international instrument or arrangement referred to in paragraph 1 is in force between Parties, Articles 26 to 31 of this chapter shall apply.

3. Articles 26 to 31 of this chapter shall also apply where they are more favourable than those of the international instruments or arrangements referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 26

Mutual assistance

1. The Parties shall afford one another the widest measure of mutual assistance by promptly processing requests from authorities that, in conformity with their domestic laws, have the power to investigate or prosecute criminal offences established in accordance with this Convention.

2. Mutual legal assistance under paragraph 1 of this article may be refused if the requested Party believes that compliance with the request would undermine its fundamental interests, national sovereignty, national security or ordre public.

3. Parties shall not invoke bank secrecy as a ground to refuse any co-operation under this chapter. Where its domestic law so requires, a Party may require that a request for co-operation which would involve the lifting of bank secrecy be authorised by either a judge or another judicial authority, including public prosecutors, any of these authorities acting in relation to criminal offences.

Article 27

Extradition

1. The criminal offences established in accordance with this Convention shall be deemed to be included as extraditable offences in any extradition treaty existing between or among the Parties. The Parties undertake to include such offences as extraditable offences in any extradition treaty to be concluded between or among them.

2. If a Party that makes extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty receives a request for extradition from another Party with which it does not have an extradition treaty, it may consider this Convention as the legal basis for extra-

2. Såfremt der mellem parter ikke gælder en international retsakt eller et arrangement som nævnt i stk. 1, finder artikel 26-31 i dette kapitel anvendelse.

3. Artikel 26-31 i dette kapitel finder også anvendelse, når de er mere fordelagtige end bestemmelserne i de i stk. 1 nævnte internationale retsakter eller arrangementer.

Artikel 26

Gensidig retshjælp

1. Parterne skal i videst muligt omfang yde hinanden gensidig retshjælp ved uden unødigt ophold at behandle begæringer fra myndigheder, der efter deres nationale ret har kompetence til at efterforske og retsforfølge strafbare handlinger i henhold til denne konvention.

2. Retshjælp efter stk. 1 i denne artikel kan afslås, såfremt den anmodede part finder, at efterkommelse af begæringen vil undergrave dens grundlæggende interesser, nationale suveræniteten, nationale sikkerhed eller almindelige retsprincipper (ordre public).

3. Parterne kan ikke påberåbe sig bankhemmeligheden som begrundelse for at nægte samarbejde i henhold til dette kapitel. Såfremt det kræves i henhold til national lovgivning, kan en part kræve, at en begæring om samarbejde, som medfører ophævelse af bankhemmeligheden, godkendes af en dommer eller anden retlig myndighed, herunder offentlige anklagere, der beskæftiger sig med lovovertrædelser.

Artikel 27

Udlevering

1. Enhver strafbar handling i henhold til denne konvention skal anses for at indgå som en handling, for hvilken udlevering kan finde sted, i enhver traktat om udlevering, som måtte eksistere mellem eller blandt parterne. Parterne forpligter sig til at lade sådanne handlinger indgå som handlinger, for hvilke udlevering kan finde sted, i enhver traktat om udlevering, som indgås mellem eller blandt dem.

2. Såfremt en part, som gør udlevering betinget af, at der eksisterer en traktat herom, modtager en begæring om udlevering fra en anden part, som den pågældende part ikke har indgået nogen udleveringstraktat med, kan den betragte