

CHAPTER IV

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

Article 25

General principles and measures for international co-operation

1 The Parties shall co-operate with each other, in accordance with the provisions of relevant international instruments on international co-operation in criminal matters, or arrangements agreed on the basis of uniform or reciprocal legislation, and in accordance with their national law, to the widest extent possible for the purposes of investigations and proceedings concerning criminal offences established in accordance with this Convention.

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*.

KAPITEL IV

INTERNATIONALT SAMARBEJDE

Artikel 25

Generelle principper og foranstaltninger vedrørende internationalt samarbejde

1. Parterne skal i videst muligt omfang samarbejde med hinanden i overensstemmelse med bestemmelserne i relevante internationale retsakter om internationalt samarbejde i straffesager eller arrangementer, der bygger på ensartet eller gensidig lovgivning, og i overensstemmelse med national ret ved efterforskning og retsforfølgning af strafbare handlinger i henhold til denne konvention.

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 suverænitæt, nationale sikkerhed eller almindelige retsprincipper (*ordre public*).