

## CERTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION

- Each Party shall, upon request, authenticate any documents or other material to be transmitted to the other Party under this Treaty.
- A document is duly authenticated for the purposes of this Treaty if -
  - it purports to be signed or certified by a judge, magistrate, or officer in or of the Party transmitting the document duly authorized by the law of that Party; and
  - either –
    - it is verified by the oath or affirmation of a witness, or of an officer of the government of that Party; or
    - it purports to be sealed with an official or public seal of that Party or of a Minister of State, or of a department or officer of the government, of that Party.
- Nothing in this Article shall prevent the proof of any matter or the admission in evidence of any document in accordance with the law of the Requesting Party.
- Subject to the domestic laws of each Party -
  - a document signed with a digital or electronic signature in accordance with the laws of the Party concerned shall be as legally binding as a document signed with a handwritten signature, an affixed thumb-print or any other mark; and
  - a digital or electronic signature created in accordance with the laws of the Party concerned shall be deemed to be a legally binding signature.