

No. 12140. CONVENTION ON THE TAKING OF EVIDENCE ABROAD IN CIVIL OR COMMERCIAL MATTERS. OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT THE HAGUE ON 18 MARCH 1970¹

DESIGNATION OF AUTHORITIES

Notification effected with the Government of the Netherlands on:

15 May 1984

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With the following declarations:

- "1. Under article 2, the Ministry of Justice is designated as the Competent Authority.
- "2. Under article 16, the Ministry of Justice is designated as the Competent Authority.
- "3. Under article 17, the Ministry of Justice is designated as the Competent Authority.

"4. In accordance with article 18, the Republic of Cyprus declares that a diplomatic officer, consular agent or commissioner authorised to take evidence under articles 15, 16 or 17 may apply to the Competent Authority for appropriate assistance to obtain such evidence by compulsion as prescribed by the law for internal proceedings, provided that the requesting Contracting State has made a declaration affording reciprocal facilities under article 18.

"Under article 18, the Supreme Court is designated as the Competent Authority.

"5. In accordance with article 23, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus declares that the Republic of Cyprus will not execute Letters of Request issued for the purpose of obtaining pre-trial discovery of documents. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus further declares that the Republic of Cyprus understands "Letters of Request issued for the purpose of obtaining pre-trial discovery of documents" for the purposes of the foregoing declaration as including any Letter of Request which requires a person:

- "a. To state what documents relevant to the proceedings to which the Letter of Request relates are, or have been, in his possession, custody or power; or
- "b. To produce any documents other than particular documents specified in the Letter of Request as being documents appearing to the requested court to be, or likely to be, in his possession, custody or power."

With the following reservations:

- "1. In accordance with article 8, the Republic of Cyprus declares that members of the judicial personnel of the requesting authority may be present at the execution of a Letter of Request.
- "2. In accordance with the provisions of article 33, the Republic of Cyprus will not accept a Letter of Request in French."

Certified statement was registered by the Netherlands on 20 July 1984.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 847, p. 231; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Index No. 14, as well as annex A in volumes 949, 1003, 1010, 1021, 1051, 1098, 1120, 1129, 1135, 1136, 1140, 1143, 1145, 1147, 1151, 1154, 1157, 1177, 1194, 1197, 1199, 1208, 1211, 1219, 1225, 1236, 1248, 1261, 1276, 1284, 1292, 1301, 1303, 1316, 1324, 1352 and 1357.