

10 Request by Australia

- (1) A request for international assistance in a criminal matter that Australia is authorised to make under this Act may be made only by the Attorney-General.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not prevent the Attorney-General on behalf of Australia from requesting international assistance in a criminal matter other than assistance of a kind that may be requested under this Act.

11 Request by foreign country

- (1) A request by a foreign country for international assistance in a criminal matter may be made to the Attorney-General or a person authorised by the Attorney-General, in writing, to receive requests by foreign countries under this Act.
- (2) A request must be in writing and must include or be accompanied by the following information:
 - (a) the name of the authority concerned with the criminal matter to which the request relates;
 - (b) a description of the nature of the criminal matter and a statement setting out a summary of the relevant facts and laws;
 - (c) a description of the purpose of the request and of the nature of the assistance being sought;
 - (d) any information that may assist in giving effect to the request.However, a failure to comply with this subsection is not a ground for refusing the request.
- (3) Where a request by a foreign country is made to a person authorised under subsection (1), the request shall be taken, for the purposes of this Act, to have been made to the Attorney-General.
- (4) If a foreign country makes a request to a court in Australia for international assistance in a criminal matter:
 - (a) the court must refer the request to the Attorney-General; and
 - (b) the request is then taken, for the purposes of this Act, to have been made to the Attorney-General.