

- *Indication of requirement to keep the existence and substance of the request confidential*
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As a main rule, the content of requests for legal assistance is always confidential. However, in certain instances, it may be necessary for the requesting State to emphasize the requirement to keep the request confidential for instance in order not to jeopardize the investigation, since this may lead to a “closed session” treatment in the requested state (i.e. at the court executing the request).