

▪ *Justification of urgency*

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A motivation for the urgency of the request may help the requested authority prioritise urgent requests on the basis of the facts justifying the urgency.

Reasons for urgency may be justified, in particular, by the fact that:

- The suspect/accused is in custody;
- Proceedings will take place shortly and it was not possible to request for MLA earlier;
- There is a risk of the evidence's imminent change of location or destruction;
- There is a need for co-ordination with other requests and /or requests to various countries / prior consultations.