

Armenia – national procedures for mutual legal assistance in criminal matters
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<p>The Central Authority (name of the institution, address, telephone, fax and e-mail where available) responsible for mutual legal assistance:</p>	<p>Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia Halabyan 41a, 0078, Yerevan, Armenia e-mail: armenuhi.harutyunyan@moj.am tel/fax: 374 10 380-384</p> <p>General Prosecutors' Office of the Republic of Armenia V.Sargsyan 5, 0010, Yerevan, Armenia tel: 374 10 511-599</p>
<p>If different from the Central Authority, the authority to which the request should be sent (name of the institution, address, telephone, fax and e-mail where available):</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Channels of communication for the request for mutual legal assistance (directly, through diplomatic channels or other):</p>	<p>According to the Art. 475 CPC RA 1. Communication concerning provision of legal assistance in criminal matters in accordance with international treaties of the Republic of Armenia shall be carried out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) through General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia regarding execution of enquires to conduct procedural steps related to cases in pre-trial stage; 2) through Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia regarding execution of requests to conduct procedural steps, including execution of judgments, related to cases in court proceedings; <p>When provided for by international treaties of the Republic of Armenia, communication may be carried out via diplomatic channels through diplomatic representations and consular offices of the Republic of Armenia in foreign states, which, upon receiving corresponding requests, shall forward them without delay to competent authorities specified in this Part to submit for execution.</p> <p>According by the declaration of Armenia in regards of this Convention - Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 25 January 2002:</p> <p>In accordance with Article 15, paragraph 6, a copy of all</p>

	requests for assistance, which are communicated between judicial authorities, in the cases provided in paragraph 2 of the same Article, shall be transmitted simultaneously to the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia.
Means of communication (e.g. by post, fax, e-mail ¹):	Communication may be carried out via diplomatic channels through diplomatic representations and consular offices of the Republic of Armenia in foreign states, which, upon receiving corresponding requests, shall forward them without delay to competent authorities or, directly through Central Authorities
Language requirements:	Regarding language requirements, the RA made the following declaration - Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 25 January 2002 In accordance with Article 16, paragraph 2, the Republic of Armenia declares that requests and annexed documents shall be accompanied by certified translation into the Armenian language or one of the official languages of the Council of Europe.
Double criminality requirement, if applicable:	Reservation contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 25 January 2002 reserves the Republic of Armenia the right to refuse assistance if the offence, in respect of which legal assistance is requested, is not qualified as a “crime” and is not punishable under the legislation of the Republic of Armenia,
Limitation of use of evidence obtained:	According to the Art. 486 CPC RA: “When instituting or continuing criminal proceedings in the territory of the Republic of Armenia, evidence obtained in the territory of the foreign state through investigation of the case in the manner prescribed by laws of that state and not contradicting the requirements of this Code, shall have equal legal force with evidence on the case concerned obtained in the territory of the Republic of Armenia.”

¹ Please indicate if encryption or electronic signature is required.

<p>Other particularly relevant information (e.g. documentation required for special types of assistance):</p>	<p>By Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 25 January 2002.</p> <p>In accordance with Article 7 of the Convention, the Republic of Armenia declares that the letters of rogatory for service of summons shall be transmitted not less than 50 days before the date set for appearance.</p>
<p>Links to national legislation, national guides on procedure:</p>	<p>No specific guides.</p> <p>The procedure of legal assistance in criminal matters is prescribed by the Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia (Chapter 54)</p>
<p>Parties to the Second Additional Protocol: Link to database with contact details of competent authorities for the purpose of direct transmission of MLA requests</p>	<p>In accordance with Article 17, paragraph 4, of the Protocol, the Republic of Armenia declares that the competent authorities, for the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 17 of the Protocol, shall be the Police of the Republic of Armenia (address: 0025 Yerevan, Nalbandyan st.130, Armenia, tel: 374 10 59 66 59) and the National Security Service of the Republic of Armenia (Address: 0025 Yerevan 1, Nalbandyan st.104, Armenia).</p> <p>In accordance with Article 18, paragraph 4, of the Protocol, the Republic of Armenia declares that the authority that is competent for the purposes of the mentioned article shall be the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia (address: V.Sargsyan 5, 0010, Yerevan, Armenia tel: 374 10 511-599).</p> <p>In accordance with Article 19, paragraph 4, of the Protocol, the Republic of Armenia declares that the authorities that are competent for the purposes of paragraph 2 of the mentioned article shall be the the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia, the Police of the Republic of Armenia and the National Security Service of the Republic of Armenia.</p>