



Communications from central authorities regarding working and emergency measures as a result of the health crisis caused by COVID-19

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| Country | Emergency Measures |
| Albania | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Information on how to proceed and the possibility of sending cooperation requests by email can be coordinated with the Albanian Central Authority. Email will be provided by the PC-OC Secretariat (DGI-PC-OC@coe.int) <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p> |
| Andorra | <ul style="list-style-type: none">All judicial cooperation requests must be sent by email to: cooperacio_internacional_mji@govern.adAll outgoing requests will be sent electronically, only if necessary, paper documents will be sent. <p>*information provided by IBER-Red, transmitted through Iber@</p> |
| Armenia | <ul style="list-style-type: none">For MLA requests and extradition, made on the PRE-TRIAL stage of investigation, in case of difficulties with paper-based transmission, consultations must be conducted with the Prosecutor General Office, before submission of the Request. Email for consultations: info@prosecutor.am, international@prosecutor.am <p>*information provided by the Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (CASC Network)</p> |
| Austria | <ul style="list-style-type: none">International judicial cooperation requests must be sent by email to: team.s@bmj.gv.atReferring to extradition, surrender can be suspended due to limitations of mobility. Surrenders of persons to Austria are only possible if the person concerned has a medical certificate not older than four days showing a negative Covid-19-test. If escorting officers come to Austrian territory this requirement applies also to them.Transfer of sentenced persons is suspended. <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p> |
| Azerbaijan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Requests must be sent by email. Addresses can be obtained by sending a request to the PC-OC Secretariat (DGI-PC-OC@coe.int) or to the CASC Network Coordination Team/UNODC (luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org ; maruf.khakimov@un.org). Information can also be provided by sending an email to: international@prosecutor.gov.azExtradition and transfer of sentenced persons may be suspended <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe and by the Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (CASC Network)</p> |



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| Belgium | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLA, extradition and transfer of prisoners requests may be sent by email to: centralauthority.iccm@just.fgov.be• If the authentication of the document is not guaranteed, the original being sent later by post may be requested.• All requests are dealt with by the Central authority as usual. Due to the current sanitary crisis, however only urgent and prior MLA requests are being effectively executed by the law enforcement authorities. Effective surrenders of person are suspended due to existing travel limitations and prohibitions. |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be sent by email. Addresses can be obtained by sending a request to the PC-OC Secretariat: DGI-PC-OC@coe.int <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p> |
| Croatia | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests can be sent by email to: europska.unija@pravosudje.hr <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p> |
| Czech Republic | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLA requests must be sent by email to: mot@msp.justice.cz (cases in trial stage) or mo@nsz.brn.justice.cz (cases in pre-trial stage)• Extradition and transfer of sentenced persons are generally suspended |
| Finland | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be scanned and sent by email to: central.authority@om.fi <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p> |
| France | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The requests can be sent by email to: liste.entraide.dacg-bepi@justice.gouv.fr. |
| Georgia | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In urgent cases, mutual legal assistance requests, enforcement, confiscation of criminal assets, extradition (still not granted) and transfer of sentenced persons must be sent by email to: international@pog.gov.ge• Communications referring to surrender of sentenced persons (transfer previously accepted) or surrender of persons when the extradition has been previously granted must be sent by email. Email addresses can be obtained by sending a request to the PC-OC Secretariat: DGI-PC-OC@coe.int or to the CASC Network Coordination Team/UNODC (luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org; maruf.khakimov@un.org).• Extradition and transfer of sentenced persons to Georgia are suspended <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe and by the Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (CASC Network)</p> |



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| Hungary | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests can be sent by email. The email address will be provided by UNODC (luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org; or karen.kramer@un.org)• The execution of requests that require physical contact is suspended. |
| Italy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be sent in pdf format by email to: ufficio2.dgpenale.dag@giustizia.it |
| Latvia | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLA pre-trial requests must be sent by email in PDF format to: pasts@vp.gov.lv ; (State Police) and darbdep@lrp.gov.lv (Prosecutor General Office)• MLA related to trial stage must be sent by email in PDF format to: central.authority@tm.gov.lv (Ministry of Justice)• Processing of hardcopy requests received by post might be interrupted or delayed. Outgoing mutual legal assistance requests from Latvia will be sent electronically.• Extradition and transfer of sentenced persons to Latvia are generally suspended.• The execution of requests that require physical contact is equally suspended. In urgent cases solutions must be coordinated by email with Central Authorities mentioned above. <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p> |
| Luxembourg | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLA a copy of the request in urgent cases can be sent by email to: SecSepi@justice.etat.lu• The execution of transfers of sentenced persons will be, in principle, suspended but communications referring to the transfer of sentenced persons must be addressed to the following e-mail address: Pgexp@justice.etat.lu |
| Moldova | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLA and extradition requests must be sent by email to: mla@procuratura.md or fax to: + (373)22221335.• For issues on international legal cooperation the central authority can be contacted by emailing: int-coop@procuratura.md <p>*information provided by the South East European Prosecutors Advisory Group (SEEPAG)</p> |
| Montenegro | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All communications must be sent electronically, addresses can be obtained by sending a request to the PC-OC Secretariat: DGI-PC-OC@coe.int <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p> |
| Netherlands | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be sent by email to: airs@minjenv.nl• Referring to the conventions where diplomatic channels are required, the communication of the Central Authority of The Netherlands says: “We are of course aware that most MLA-treaties set requirements for communication by regular (diplomatic) mail. For the time being however, we will process incoming requests |



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| | <p>communicated by electronic mail, while the original hard copy versions of these requests will be registered only after normal operations have resumed”.</p> <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p> |
| North Macedonia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests must be sent by email. Addresses can be obtained by sending a request to the PC-OC Secretariat: DGI-PC-OC@coe.int • All surrenders are suspended. <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p> |
| Norway | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLA requests may be sent by e-mail to: postmottak@jd.dep.no ; the request must be forwarded by post as soon as the situation allows for it. • Extradition requests may be sent by e-mail to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, serviceavdelingen@mfa.no ; with a copy to the Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security to postmottak@jd.dep.no ; the original request with enclosures must be forwarded by post as soon as the situation allows for it. <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p> |
| Portugal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests must be sent by email to: correiopgr@pgr.pt or mail@gddc.pt |
| Romania | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests must be sent by e-mail to: dreptinternational@just.ro <p>*information provided by the European Judicial Network</p> |
| Serbia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to paper documents an electronic copy of an MLA request must be sent by email. In urgent cases the request can be sent exclusively by email. • The email address will be provided by SEEPAG Secretariat or by UNODC (email: luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org; karen.kramer@un.org) <p>*information provided by the South East European Prosecutors Advisory Group (SEEPAG)</p> |
| Slovenia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests must be sent by email to: gp.mp@gov.si • Surrenders are most likely suspended due to existing travel limitations and prohibitions. <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p> |
| Spain | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLA requests in serious and urgent cases must be sent by electronic means to: rogatoriaspenal@mjusticia.es • Extradition Requests must be sent to: extradiciones@mjusticia.es. Outgoing requests from Spain will be sent electronically. • Urgent requests of transfer of sentenced persons based on humanitarian or other extraordinary matters will be processed provided they are sent to: sgcjitraslados@mjusticia.es |



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| Switzerland | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Switzerland has not adopted exceptional measures. Advanced copies of requests can be sent by email, affirming that a paper copy is to follow. Advance copies can be sent to: irh@bj.admin.ch |
| Ukraine | <ul style="list-style-type: none">MLA and extradition requests can be sent by email. The email address can be obtained by sending a request to the PC-OC Secretariat: DGI-PC-OC@coe.intCommunications referring to transfer of persons and enforcement of sentences can be sent by email to: itex@minjust.gov.uaCommunication for all general questions can be sent to: ilad@minjust.gov.uaNevertheless, the regular mail and the MoJ post-delivery offices continue their work. <p><small>*information provided by the Council of Europe</small></p> |
| United Kingdom | <ul style="list-style-type: none">MLA and extradition requests must be sent by email to: UKCA-ILOR@homeoffice.gov.ukPrisoner Transfers have been suspended but prisoner transfer casework continues to take place. Communications must be sent by email to: Crossbordertransfers@justice.gov.ukFor HM Revenue & Customs Central Authority, requests must be submitted by email only (mla@hmrc.gov.uk). Colleagues who have sent requests by post are invited to resubmit them via email to avoid delay and we ask that the email makes clear that it is a resubmission. Where it is not possible to submit a request electronically please contact via the email address above to discuss.Requests to the Crown Office Scotland (Central Authority for Scotland in relation to all requests for mutual legal assistance/European Investigation Orders and requests for extradition/European Arrest Warrants) must be sent by email to: to COICU@copfs.gov.uk. Also, to receive an update on any outstanding requests, this email address must be used. <p><small>*information provided by the Council of Europe</small></p> |



| America | |
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| Argentina | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Urgent international judicial cooperation requests can be transmitted by electronic means to cooperacionpenal@mrecic.gov.ar , copying aif@mrecic.gov.ar <p>*information provided by IBER-Red, transmitted through Iber@</p> |
| Chile | <p>*information provided by IBER-Red, transmitted through Iber@</p> |
| Ecuador | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Requests must be sent by email to: cooperacion@fiscalia.gob.ec and asistenciaspenales@fiscalia.gob.ec <p>*information provided by IBER-Red, transmitted through Iber@</p> |
| Uruguay | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Urgent requests must be sent by email to: cooperacionpenal@mec.gub.uy <p>*information provided by IBER-Red, transmitted through Iber@</p> |

More information in the next pages



| Central Asia | |
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| Kazakhstan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All MLA, extradition and transfer of sentenced persons requests must be sent in PDF by email to: icd@prokuror.kz ; 7172557@prokuror.kz ; 7172520@prokuror.kz ; and 7172993@prokuror.kz• Paper originals can be requested, if necessary.• The execution of extraditions and transfer of sentenced persons is suspended <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by the Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (CASC Network)</p> |
| Kyrgyz Republic | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests on MLA and extradition must be sent to following e-mail addresses: gpo542790@gmail.com and to another email address that will be provided by the CASC Coordination Team / UNODC (luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org ; maruf.khakimov@un.org)• The extradition and transfer of convicted persons has been temporarily suspended. <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by the Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (CASC Network)</p> |
| Uzbekistan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be sent by email to mpo@prokuratura.uz , or bys fax to (+99871) 233-48-35.• Sending and receiving post mail in our Uzbekistan is temporarily suspended. <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by the Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (CASC Network)</p> |

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| East and Southeast Asia | |
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| China | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The central authority of China has not taken special measures regarding receiving foreign requests. However, due to current global emergency, central authorities are strongly encouraged to send MLA requests by email, with scanned formal documents as attachments to: cnca@moj.gov.cn |
| Singapore | <ul style="list-style-type: none">All incoming MLA requests, where permissible, must be sent by email to AGC_CentralAuthority@agc.gov.sg.The email should be sent from a Central Authority's official email account (and not a public domain email such as gmail or yahoo). The Central Authority of Singapore is not able to respond to email sent from public domain email account. |
| Taiwan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">In case of emergency, a request for mutual legal assistance can be scanned (into a pdf file, for example) and sent by e-mail to: mla-taiwan@mail.moj.gov.twFor regular cases, the request can be sent electronically from a foreign government to its embassy or representative office based in Taiwan. After receiving a Request, the above-mentioned embassy or representative office should print out the request and send it via the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Taiwan Ministry of Justice |
| Vietnam | <ul style="list-style-type: none">MLA requests must be sent to: ngannk_v13@vks.gov.vn |
| Hong Kong | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Extradition and MLA requests may be sent to: ild@doj.gov.hk |
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| Gambia | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All judicial cooperation requests must be sent by email. The email address will be provided by the WACAP Coordination Team/UNODC (karen.kramer@un.org ; coumbamathurin.diop@un.org ; or luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org)• All outgoing requests will be sent electronically, only if necessary, paper documents will be sent.• |
| Guinea-Bissau | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Even if officially Guinea-Bissau has not adopted exceptional measures, requests can be sent by email. The email address will be provided by the WACAP Coordination Team/UNODC (karen.kramer@un.org ; coumbamathurin.diop@un.org ; or luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org). <p>*information provided by the West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors against Organized Crime (WACAP).</p> |
| Mali | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mali has not adopted exceptional measures, but requests can be sent by email to the <i>Directeur National des affaires Judiciaires et du Sceau</i>. The email address will be provided by the WACAP Coordination Team/UNODC (karen.kramer@un.org ; coumbamathurin.diop@un.org ; or luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org)• Paper documents should be sent later. <p>*information provided by the West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors against Organized Crime (WACAP).</p> |
| Nigeria | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nigeria has not adopted exceptional measures, but requests can be sent by email to: cau.hagf@justice.gov.ng• Physical copies must be sent later via diplomatic channels <p>*information provided by the West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors against Organized Crime (WACAP).</p> |
| Niger | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Niger has not adopted exceptional measures, but advanced copies can be sent by email or through INTERPOL. The email address will be provided by the WACAP Coordination Team/UNODC (karen.kramer@un.org ; coumbamathurin.diop@un.org ; or luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org) |



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