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4. The competent authority of the requested Party shall confirm in writing the transfer modalities in the notification mentioned in paragraph 3 of this Article, within two (2) working days upon receipt thereof. In case such confirmation is not sent, the transfer shall be deemed to have been approved.

5. Transit requests shall be sent to the requested Party not later than seven (7) working days before the date of the planned transit. Transit operations shall take place in accordance with Article 14 of the Agreement.

#### Article 4

##### Additional Means and Documents

1. If the requesting Party considers that other means and documents than those listed in Annexes 1 to 4 to the Agreement can be used as a proof or prima facie evidence of nationality or of the grounds for the readmission of third country nationals and stateless persons, such means and documents can be attached to the readmission application.

2. The requested Party shall decide whether the means and documents referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article can be taken into consideration.

#### Article 5

##### Conditions for Escorted Returns

1. Pursuant to Article 19, paragraph 1(c) of the Agreement, the Parties agree on the following conditions for the use of escorts in readmission or transit operations on their respective territories:

- Escorts shall perform their tasks unarmed and in plain clothes. They must be in possession of documents showing that the readmission or transit has been approved, and must at all times be able to prove their identity and official status;
- The authorities of the requested Party shall provide escorts performing their duties under the Agreement and this Protocol with the same protection and assistance they provide their own officials who are authorised to take such action;
- Escorts must adhere to the law of the requested Party in all circumstances. Their powers are limited to self-defence. In addition, in the absence of any officials of the requested Party who are authorised to take the necessary action or in order to support such officials, the escorts may take reasonable and proportionate action in response to an immediate and serious risk in order to prevent the person concerned from escaping, injuring himself/herself or third parties or causing damage to property.

2. The requested Party may ensure, if necessary, surveillance and boarding of the person concerned in agreement with escort personnel.

3. In case the escorts of the requesting Party suffer harm in performing their tasks under the Agreement and this Protocol, the requesting Party shall take on the payment of any compensation and shall not demand any refund from the requested Party.