

Mutual judicial assistance in criminal matters Bolivia

The procedure for international judicial assistance in judicial matters is regulated by "Title VI, International Judicial and Administrative Cooperation," of the New Code of Criminal Procedure (Law No. 1970 of March 25, 1999, which entered into full force on May 31, 2001, in accordance with the final provisions of that Law), as well as by international conventions and treaties in force.

Any requests for cooperation must be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, which in turn will bring them to the attention of the competent authority.

Said requests must comply with the requirements established in Article 139 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which are as follows:

- 1) The identity of the requesting authority;
- 2) The purpose of the request and a brief explanation of the assistance requested;
- 3) A description of the acts under investigation, the criminal nature of them, and the official text of the law;
- 4) An indication of the appropriate time for execution; and
- 5) Any other information needed to adequately fulfill the request.
The request and the documents remitted must be translated into the Spanish language.
The judge may ask for additional information.

Cooperation may be denied in the following cases: (i) when the request violates rights and guarantees established in the Constitution, codes, and laws in force in the Republic, or in international conventions and treaties; (ii) when the request is related to acts that are under investigation in the Republic or that pertain to a judgment already executed by the person for the crime for which cooperation is requested.