

TREATY
BETWEEN
THE PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AND THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
ON
EXTRADITION

The People's Republic of China and the Republic of Cyprus
(hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

Desirous to promote the effective cooperation between the two states in the suppression of crime on the basis of mutual respect for sovereignty, equality and mutual benefit,

Have resolved to conclude this Treaty and agreed as follows:

Article 1

Obligation to Extradite

Each Party undertakes to extradite to the other, in accordance with the provisions of this Treaty and at the request of the Requesting Party, persons found in its territory and wanted by the other Party for the purpose of conducting criminal proceedings against or executing a

sentence imposed on that person.

Article 2

Extraditable Offences

1. Extradition shall not be granted unless the conduct for which the extradition is sought constitutes an offence under the laws of both Parties and meets one of the following conditions:

(a) where the request for extradition is made for the purpose of conducting criminal proceedings, the offence is punishable under the laws of both Parties by the penalty of imprisonment for a period of at least one year or by any heavier penalty; or

(b) where the request for extradition is made for the purpose of executing a sentence of imprisonment, the period of sentence that remains to be served by the person sought is at least six months at the time when the request for extradition is made.

2. In determining whether a conduct constitutes an offence under the laws of both Parties in accordance with Paragraph 1 of this Article, it shall not matter whether the laws of the both Parties place the conduct within the same category of offence or denominate the offence by the same terminology.

3. If the request for extradition concerns two or more conducts each of which constitutes an offence under the laws of both Parties and at least one of which fulfills the conditions provided for in Paragraph 1 of this

Article, the Requested Party may grant extradition for all of those conducts.

Article 3

Mandatory Grounds for Refusal

Extradition shall be refused if:

(a) the Requested Party considers that the offence for which the extradition is requested is a political offence, or the Requested Party has granted asylum to the person sought. However, terrorism offences or offences not regarded as a political offence under any international convention to which both Parties are parties shall not be considered as political offences;

(b) the Requested Party has substantial grounds for believing that the request for extradition has been made for the purpose of prosecuting or punishing the person sought on account of that person's race, sex, religion, nationality or political opinion, or that that person's position in judicial proceedings may be prejudiced for any of those reasons;

(c) the offence for which the extradition is requested only constitutes a military offence;

(d) the granting of extradition will be contrary to the fundamental principles of the law applicable in the Requested Party;

(e) the person sought is a national of the Requested Party;

(f) the person sought is, under the laws of either Party, immune from prosecution or execution of sentence for any reason, including lapse of time or pardon;

(g) the Requested Party has already rendered a final judgment or terminated criminal proceedings against the person sought in respect of the offence for which the extradition is requested;

(h) there are substantial grounds for believing that the person sought will be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or humiliating treatment or punishment in the Requesting Party; or

(i) the request for extradition is made by the Requesting Party pursuant to a judgment rendered in absentia unless the Requesting Party guarantees that the person sought has the opportunity to have the case retried in his presence.

Article 4

Discretionary Grounds for Refusal

Extradition may be refused if:

(a) the Requested Party has criminal jurisdiction over the offence for which the extradition is requested in accordance with its national law, and is conducting or contemplates to institute criminal proceedings against the person sought for that offence; or

(b) the Requested Party, while taking into account the seriousness of the offence and the interests of the Requesting Party, considers that the

extradition would be incompatible with humanitarian considerations in view of that person's age, health or other personal circumstances.

Article 5

Obligation to Institute Criminal Proceedings in the Requested Party

If extradition is not granted pursuant to subparagraph (e) of Article 3 of this Treaty, the Requested Party shall, at the request of the Requesting Party, submit the case to its competent authorities with a view to instituting criminal proceedings against the person under its national law. For this purpose, the Requesting Party shall provide the Requested Party with documents and evidence relating to the case.

Article 6

Channels of Communication

For the purpose of this Treaty, the Parties shall communicate with each other through diplomatic channels unless otherwise provided for in this Treaty.

Article 7

Request for Extradition and Required Documents

1. The Requesting Party shall present a letter of request for extradition which shall include or be accompanied by the following:

(a) the name of the requesting authority;

(b) the name, age, sex, nationality, number of identification documents, occupation, domicile or residence of the person sought and other information that may help to establish that person's identity and possible location; and if available, the description of that person's appearance, the photographs and fingerprints of that person;

(c) a statement of the facts of the offence, including the time, place, conduct and consequences of the offence;

(d) the text of the relevant provisions of the laws relating to criminal jurisdiction, criminalization and penalty of the offence; and

(e) the text of the relevant provisions of the laws relating to any time limit on prosecution or execution of sentence.

2. In addition to the provisions of Paragraph 1 of this Article,

(a) the request for extradition which is made for the purpose of conducting criminal proceedings against the person sought shall also be accompanied by a copy of the warrant of arrest issued by the competent authority of the Requesting Party; or

(b) the request for extradition which is made for the purpose of executing a sentence imposed on the person sought shall also be accompanied by a copy of the final judgment and a description of the period of sentence which has already been executed.

3. The letter of request for extradition and other relevant documents submitted by the Requesting Party in accordance with Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall be officially signed or sealed by the competent authority of the Requesting Party and be accompanied by a translation into the language of the Requested Party or into the English language.

Article 8

Additional Information

If the information communicated by the Requesting Party is found to be insufficient to allow the Requested Party to make a decision in pursuance of this Treaty, the Requested Party shall request the necessary supplementary information and may fix a time-limit for the receipt thereof.

Additional information can be provided through diplomatic channels or through other channels mentioned in Article 9, by any means affording evidence in writing.

Article 9

Provisional Arrest

1. In case of urgency, one Party may make a request to the other Party for the provisional arrest of the person sought before making a request for

extradition. Such request may be submitted in writing through the channels provided for in Article 6 of this Treaty, the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) or other channels agreed by both Parties.

2. The request for provisional arrest shall contain the information referred to in Paragraph 1 of Article 7 of this Treaty, a statement of the existence of documents referred to in Paragraph 2 of Article 7 and a statement that a formal request for extradition of the person sought will follow.

3. The Requested Party shall, without delay, inform the Requesting Party of the result of its handling of the request.

4. Provisional arrest shall be terminated if, within a period of thirty days after the arrest of the person sought, the Requested Party has not received the formal request for extradition. At the request of the Requesting Party, giving reasons, such time limit may be extended for fifteen days.

5. The termination of provisional arrest pursuant to Paragraph 4 of this Article shall not prejudice the extradition of the person sought if the Requested Party has subsequently received the formal request for extradition.

Article 10

Decision on the Request for Extradition

1. The Requested Party shall handle the request for extradition in

accordance with the procedures provided for by its national law, and shall promptly inform the Requesting Party of its decision.

2. If the Requested Party refuses the whole or any part of the request for extradition, it shall notify the Requesting Party as to the reasons for refusal.

Article 11

Surrender of the Person to be Extradited

1. If the extradition has been granted by the Requested Party, the Parties shall agree on the time, place and other relevant matters relating to the execution of the extradition. Meanwhile, the Requested Party shall inform the Requesting Party of the period of time for which the person to be extradited has been detained prior to the surrender.

2. If the Requesting Party has not taken over the person to be extradited within fifteen days after the date agreed for the execution of the extradition, the Requested Party shall release that person immediately and may refuse a new request by the Requesting Party for extradition of that person for the same offence, unless otherwise provided for in Paragraph 3 of this Article.

3. If for reasons beyond its control, a Party fails to surrender or take over the person to be extradited within the period agreed by virtue of paragraph 1 of this Article, it shall notify promptly the other Party. The Parties shall agree once again on the time, place and other matters relating to the execution of the extradition, and the provisions of

Paragraph 2 of this Article shall apply.

Article 12

Re-Extradition

Where the person extradited escapes back to the Requested Party before criminal proceedings are concluded or his sentence is served in the Requesting Party, that person may be re-extradited upon a new request for extradition made by the Requesting Party in respect of the same offence and the Requesting Party need not submit the documents and material provided for in Article 7 of this Treaty.

Article 13

Postponed Extradition and Temporary Extradition

1. If the person sought is being proceeded against or is serving a sentence in the Requested Party for an offence other than that for which the extradition is requested, the Requested Party may, after having made a decision to grant extradition, postpone the extradition until the conclusion of the proceedings or until the sentence is fully served. The Requested Party shall inform the Requesting Party of the postponement.

2. If the postponement of the extradition may seriously impede the criminal proceedings in the Requesting Party, the Requested Party may,

upon request and to the extent that its ongoing criminal proceedings are not hindered, temporarily extradite the person sought to the Requesting Party provided that the Requesting Party undertakes to return that person unconditionally and immediately upon conclusion of the relevant proceedings.

Article 14

Requests for Extradition made by Several States

Where requests for the extradition of the same person are made by two or more states, one of which is a Party to this Treaty, either for the same offence or for different offences, the Requested Party, in determining to which state the person is to be extradited, shall consider all the relevant circumstances, in particular:

- (a) whether the requests were made pursuant to a treaty;
- (b) the gravity of the different offences;
- (c) the time and place of the commission of the offences;
- (d) the nationality and habitual residence of the person sought;
- (e) the respective dates of the requests;
- (f) the possibility of subsequent extradition to a third state.

Article 15

Rule of Speciality

The person extradited in accordance with this Treaty shall not be proceeded against or be subjected to the execution of a sentence in the Requesting Party for an offence committed by that person before his extradition other than that for which the extradition is granted, nor shall that person be re-extradited to a third state, unless

(a) the Requested Party has consented in advance. For the purpose of such consent, the Requested Party may require the submission of the documents and information referred to in Article 7 of this Treaty, and a statement by the extradited person with respect to the offence concerned;

(b) that person has not left the Requesting Party within thirty days after having been free to do so. However, this period of time shall not include the time during which that person fails to leave the Requesting Party for reasons beyond his control; or

(c) that person has voluntarily returned to the Requesting Party after leaving it.

Article 16

Handing over of Property

1. If the Requesting Party so requests, the Requested Party shall, to the

extent permitted by its national law, seize the proceeds and instrumentalities of the offence and other property which may serve as evidence found in its territory, and when extradition is granted, shall hand over such property to the Requesting Party.

2. When the extradition is granted, the property referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article may nevertheless be handed over even if the extradition cannot be carried out owing to the death, disappearance or escape of the person sought.

3. The Requested Party may, for the purpose of conducting any other pending criminal proceedings, postpone the handing over of above-mentioned property until the conclusion of such proceedings, or temporarily hand over that property on condition that the Requesting Party undertakes to return it.

4. The handing over of such property shall not prejudice any legitimate rights or interests of the Requested Party or of any third party to that property. Where these rights or interests exist, the Requesting Party shall return the handed over property without charge to the Requested Party or the third party as soon as possible after the conclusion of the proceedings.

Article 17

Transit

1. When one Party is to have a person extradited from a third state through the territory of the other Party, it shall request the permission of the other Party for the transit. No such request is required where air

transportation is used and no landing in the territory of the other Party is scheduled.

2. The Requested Party shall, in so far as it is not contrary to its national law, accept the request for transit made by the Requesting Party.

Article 18

Notification of Result

The Requesting Party shall, upon request of the Requested Party, promptly provide the Requested Party with information on the proceedings or the execution of sentence against the extradited person or information concerning the re-extradition of that person to a third state.

Article 19

Expenses

Expenses arising from the procedures for extradition in the Requested Party shall be borne by that Party. Expenses of transportation and the transit expenses in connection with the handing over or taking over of the extradited person shall be borne by the Requesting Party.

Article 20

Relationship with Other Treaties

This Treaty shall not prevent the Parties from cooperating with each other on extradition in accordance with other treaties to which both Parties are parties.

Article 21

Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this Treaty shall be settled by consultation through diplomatic channels.

Article 22

Entry into Force, Amendment and Termination

1. Each Party shall inform the other by diplomatic note that all necessary steps have been taken under its laws for entry into force of this Treaty. This Treaty shall enter into force upon the thirtieth day from the date of the later diplomatic note.
2. This Treaty may be amended at any time by written agreement between the Parties. Any such amendment will enter into force in

accordance with the same procedure prescribed in Paragraph 1 of this Article and will form part of this Treaty.

3. Either Party may terminate this Treaty by notice in writing through diplomatic channels at any time. Termination shall take effect on the one hundred and eightieth day after the date on which the notice is given. Termination of this Treaty shall not affect the extradition proceedings commenced prior to the termination.

4. This Treaty applies to any request presented after its entry into force even if the relevant offences occurred before the entry into force of this Treaty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Treaty.

DONE in duplicate at Beijing on this 29th day of June (month) 2018 (year), in the Chinese, Greek and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the People's Republic of China

For the Republic of Cyprus