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# International Co-operation in Criminal Matters Definition of Interstatal Co-operation

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# A helping hand

- *The rendering of a helping hand*
- *of one State to Another*
  - *in order to make it possible for the latter to exercise effectively*
  - *its national jurisdiction and*
  - *its penal enforcement power*

# request

- A “request” of the administered State is not necessary.
- But mostly, such a request has been made.

Nevertheless, the administering Party can act “*motu proprio*”

- There are two varieties of this interstatal cooperation;
  - primary cooperation
  - secondary cooperation

# primary cooperation

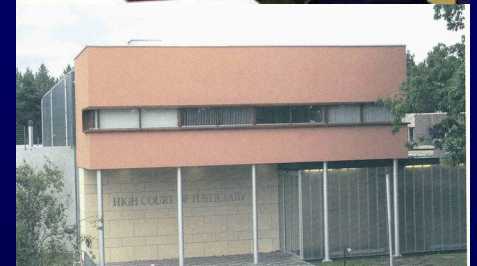
- In the case of primary cooperation, the administering State recognizes the jurisdictional power of the administered State **as more justified than its own**.

The forwarding of the cooperation implies an irrevocable renunciation of the jurisdictional power by the administering State.

- Examples:
  - Transfer of criminal procedures
  - Positive recognition of a sentence
  - Transfer of the enforcement of penalties
  - Specially within the EU-framework



SCOTTISH COURT SERVICE



# secondary cooperation

- In a case of secondary cooperation the administering State is willing to help **without the implicit recognition of the priority** of the jurisdictional power of the administered Party
- Extradition
- Surrender
- Enforcement of an EU-warrant for arrest (See Reader pp 211-265)
- Other forms of secondary cooperation:
  - Transnational arresting of criminals
  - International rogatory commissions
  - Transnational observation
  - Transnational seizure
  - Transnational disfranchisement
  - Admission of hot pursuit
  - Establishment of Joint Investigation Teams



# extradition

- The most classical form of secondary cooperation is extradition:
  - the delivery
  - of a prosecuted individual
  - to a State
  - at its request
  - by a State
  - on whose territory the individual is staying at the time the request came in
  - to have the administering State using its penal enforcement power



# Hugo Grotius



## Hugo Grotius:

- there is a natural obligation incumbent on States to extradite or to punish: *dedere aut iudicare* in case the criminal committed crimes the heinousness to hardly to challenge amongst civilised nations
- This has never been recognised as part of *ius cogens*
- States have always upheld their competence to grant asylum unless they were treaty bound to comply with a request for extradition

# overarching principles

Three overarching principles in the interstatal framework of cooperation:

- the principle of non-collision
- the principle of internal and external statal sovereignty
- the una via-principle
- All modalities of interstatal cooperation should answer to those principles:  
**mandatory international law**