

# Instruction sheet

Where requested by you, the Federal Republic of Germany is obliged to inform the consular post of your state of origin of your arrest without delay, pursuant to Article 36 paragraph 1 letter b of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. The communication to be addressed to the consular post shall be forwarded by the court, the public prosecutor's office or the penal institution.

**If you agree**, the consular post of your state of origin **may** also be informed of the facts on which your arrest is based.

In addition, it is pointed out that the Federal Republic of Germany has signed treaties with various states, which provide for a mandatory notification of the consular post even without your consent or against your will. At present, such treaties exist with the following states:

**Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Dominica, Fiji, Georgian Republic, Grenada, Greece, Guyana, Italy, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Moldavian Republic, Monaco, Russian Federation, Spain, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Sierra Leone, St. Kitts and Nevis, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including Gibraltar, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, as well as the British Crown Colonies of Anguilla and St. Helena (with Ascension and Tristan da Cunha) and the British overseas territories (Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Cayman Islands, Pitcairn Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands) as well as British National (overseas)), Cyprus.**

If you are a national of one of these states, your consular post will be notified by the court, the public prosecutor's office or the penal institution of your arrest in any event – even if this is not requested by you –.

You are naturally also at liberty to yourself inform the consular post of your state of origin of your arrest.