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Article 59: Special investigative techniques

It is proposed to replace paragraph 1 of option 1 to read as follows:

"1. If permitted by the basic principles of its domestic legal system, each State Party shall, within its possibilities and under the conditions prescribed by its domestic law, take the necessary measures to allow, as appropriate, for the use of special investigative techniques by its competent authorities in its territory and for their admissibility in court for the purpose of effectively combating corruption. Such techniques may include electronic or other forms of surveillance, undercover operations and controlled delivery."

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