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CHAPTER 23

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION)
ORDER

Ch. 176.

Ch. 17.

(Sections 3, 5 and 6)

1. This Order may be cited as the Short title.

**DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION) ORDER.**

A. The Organisation

2. The International Civil Aviation Organisation set up under Article 43 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on 7^h December, 1944 (hereafter referred to as the Organisation), is an organisation of which Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the governments of foreign sovereign powers are members. Organisation.
3. The Organisation shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate and, except in so far as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity, immunity from suit and process. No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution. Body corporate.
4. The Organisation shall have the like inviolability of official archives and premises occupied as offices as is accorded in respect of official archives and premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize. Official archives.
5. The Organisation shall have the like exemption or relief from taxes and rates, other than taxes on the importation of goods, as is accorded to a foreign sovereign power. Taxes.

- Customs. 6. The Organisation shall have exemption from taxes on the importation of goods directly imported by the Organisation for its official use in Belize or for exportation, or on the importation of any publications of the Organisation directly imported by it, such exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Comptroller of Customs may prescribe for the protection of the revenue.
- Imports and exports. 7. The Organisation shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on importation or exportation in the case of goods directly imported or exported by the Organisation for its official use and in the case of any publication of the Organisation directly imported or exported by it.
- Telephone, etc:
reduced rates. 8. The Organisation shall have the right to avail itself, for telegraphic communications sent by it and containing only matter intended for publication by the press or for broadcasting (including communications addressed to or despatched from places outside Belize), of any reduced rates applicable for the corresponding service in the case of press telegrams.

B. Representatives of Members

- Privileges. 9. (1) Except in as far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the member governments whom they represent, representatives of member governments to the Council of the Organisation shall enjoy -
- (a) while exercising their functions as such, and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage, and inviolability for all papers and documents;
- (b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in their capacity as representatives;

- (c) while exercising their functions and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize, save that the relief allowed shall not include relief from customs and excise duties or entry tax except in respect of goods imported as part of their personal baggage. They shall not, where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, be deemed to be resident in Belize during any period when they are present in Belize whilst exercising their functions or during their journey to and from the place of meeting. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to British subjects whose usual place of abode is in Belize.

(2) For the purpose of the application of this Order, the expression "representatives of member governments" shall be deemed to include their official staffs, accompanying them as such representatives, as delegates, deputy delegates, advisers, technical experts or secretaries of delegations.

(3) The provisions of the preceding paragraphs of this Article shall not confer any immunity or privilege upon any person as the representative of Her Majesty's Government in Belize or as a member of the staff of such a representative.

C. High Officials

10. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Organisation, the Secretary-General or the Deputy Secretary-General of the Organisation and the President of the Council of the Organisation shall be accorded in respect of themselves, their spouses and children under the age of twenty-one, the like immunity from suit and legal Particular officers.

process, the like inviolability of residence and the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize, his spouse and children, including exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers of the Organisation.

D. Persons Serving on Committees of or Employed on Missions on behalf of the Organisation

Committee
Members.

11. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Organisation, persons (other than officials of the Organisation) serving on committees of, or employed on missions on behalf of the Organisation shall enjoy –

- (a) while exercising their functions as such, and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability of all papers and documents relating to the work of the Organisation;
- (b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in the exercise of these functions. Such immunity shall continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer employed on missions on behalf of the Organisation.

E. Other Officials of the Organisation

Officials.

12. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Organisation, officials of the Organisation (other than those referred to in Article 10 above) shall enjoy -

- (a) immunity from suit and legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in the course of the

performance of their official duties, and

- (b) exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers or servants of the Organisation.

F. General

13. The names of the persons to whom the provisions of Articles 9, 10, 11 and 12 of this Order apply shall be set forth in a list compiled and published from time to time by the Minister under section 2 (3) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Consular Conventions Act and such list shall show in regard to each person the date as from which for the purposes of this Order he first held the office or employment in question, and the date when he ceased to hold that office or employment. List of names.

CHAPTER 23**DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES**
(INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION) ORDER**ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS**

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CHAPTER 23

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION) ORDER

Ch. 176.

Ch. 17.

(Sections 3, 5 and 6)

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

**DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (INTERNATIONAL
LABOUR ORGANISATION) ORDER.**

A. The Organisation

2. The International Labour Organisation is an organisation of which Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the governments of foreign sovereign powers are members.

Organisation.

3. The International Labour Organisation shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate and except in so far as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity, immunity from suit and process. No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution.

Body corporate.

4. The International Labour Organisation shall have the like inviolability of official archives and premises occupied as offices as is accorded in respect of official archives and premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize.

Official archives.

5. The International Labour Organisation shall have the like exemption or relief from taxes and rates, other than taxes on the importation of goods, as is accorded to a foreign sovereign power.

Taxes.

6. The International Labour Organisation shall have exemption from taxes on the importation of goods directly imported by the Organisation for its official use in Belize or for exportation, or on the importation of any of the publications

Customs.

of the Organisation directly imported by it, such exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Comptroller of Customs may prescribe for the protection of the revenue.

Imports and exports. 7. The International Labour Organisation shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on importation or exportation in the case of goods directly imported or exported by the Organisation for its official use and in the case of any publications of the Organisation directly imported or exported by it.

Telephone, etc:
reduced rates. 8. The International Labour Organisation shall have the right to avail itself, for telegraphic communications sent by it and containing only matters for publication by the press or for broadcasting (including communications addressed to or despatched from places outside Belize), of any reduced rates applicable for the corresponding service in the case of press telegrams.

B. Representatives of Members: Members of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office

Privileges. 9. (1) Except in so far as any privilege or immunity is waived, in the case of representatives of member governments by the governments whom they represent, and, in the case of members and deputy members of the governing body of the International Labour Office and their substitutes, by the governing body, representatives of member governments and the employers' and workers' members and deputy members of the governing body of the International Labour Office and their substitutes shall enjoy -

(a) while exercising their functions as such, and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability for all papers and documents;

(b) immunity from legal process of every kind in

respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in their capacity as representatives or as members of the governing body of the International Labour Office, as the case may be;

- (c) while exercising their functions and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize, save that the relief allowed shall not include relief from customs and excise duties or entry tax except in respect of goods imported as Part of their personal baggage. They shall not, where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, be deemed to be resident in Belize during any period when they are present in Belize whilst exercising their functions or during their journey to and from the place of meeting.

The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to British subjects whose actual place of abode is in Belize.

(2) For the purpose of the application of this Order the expression "representatives of member governments" shall be deemed to include their official staffs, accompanying them as such representatives, as delegates, deputy delegates, advisers, technical experts or secretaries of delegations.

(3) The provisions of the preceding paragraphs of this Article shall not confer any immunity or privilege upon any person as the representative of Her Majesty's Government in Belize or as a member of the staff of such a representative.

C. High Officials

Particular officers. 10. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Organisation, officers of the International Labour Organisation holding the offices of Director-General, Deputy Director-General and Assistant Director-General shall be accorded in respect of themselves, their spouses and children under the age of twenty-one, the like immunity from suit and legal process, the like inviolability of residence and the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize, his spouse and children, including exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers of the Organisation.

D. Persons Serving on Committees of or Employed on Missions on behalf of the Organisation

Committee Members. 11. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege is waived by the Organisation, persons (other than officials of the Organisation) serving on committees of, or employed on missions on behalf of the International Labour Organisation shall enjoy –

- (a) while exercising their functions as such, and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability of all papers and documents relating to the work of the Organisation.
- (b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in the exercise of their functions. Such immunity shall continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer employed on missions on behalf of the International Labour Organisation.

E. Other Officials of the Organisation

12. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the International Labour Organisation, all officials of the Organisation (other than those referred to in Article 10 above) shall enjoy - Officials.

- (a) immunity from suit and legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in the course of the performance of their official duties;
- (b) exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers or servants of the International Labour Organisation.

F. General

13. The names of the persons to whom the provisions of Articles 9, 10, 11 and 12 of this Order apply shall be set forth in a list compiled and published from time to time by the Minister under section 2 (3) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Consular Conventions Act, and such list shall show in regard to each person the date as from which, for the purposes of this Order, he first held the office or employment in question, and the date when he ceased to hold that office or employment. List of names.

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(WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION) ORDER**ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS**

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CHAPTER 23

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION) ORDER
(Sections 3, 5 and 6)

Ch. 176.

Ch. 17.

1. This order may be cited as the

Short title.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION) ORDER.

A. The Organisation

2. The World Health Organisation is an Organisation of which Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the governments of foreign sovereign powers are members.

Organisation.

3. The World Health Organisation shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate and, except in so far as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity, immunity from suit and legal process. No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution.

Body corporate.

4. The World Health Organisation shall have the like inviolability of official archives and premises occupied as offices as is accorded in respect of official archives and premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize.

Official archives.

5. The World Health Organisation shall have the like exemption or relief from taxes and rates, other than taxes on the importation of goods, as is accorded to a foreign sovereign power.

Taxes.

6. The World Health Organisation shall have exemption from taxes on the importation of goods directly imported by the Organisation for its official use in Belize for exportation, or on the importation of any publications of the

Customs.

Organisation directly imported by it, such exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Comptroller of Customs may prescribe for the protection of the revenue.

Imports and exports. 7. The World Health Organisation shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on importation or exportation in the case of goods directly imported or exported by the Organisation for its official use and in the case of any publications of the Organisation directly imported or exported by it.

Telephone, etc:
reduced rates. 8. The World Health Organisation shall have the right to avail itself, for telegraphic communications sent by it and containing only matter intended for publication by the press or for broadcasting (including communications addressed to or despatched from places outside Belize), of any reduced rates applicable for the corresponding service in the case of press telegrams.

*B. Representatives of Members and of the Executive Board of the
World Health Organisation*

Privileges. 9. (1) Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived, in the case of representatives of member governments, by the member governments whom they represent, and in the case of persons designated to serve on the executive board of the World Health Organisation and their alternates and advisers, by the executive board, representatives of member governments and persons designated to serve on the executive board of the Organisation and their alternates and advisers shall enjoy –

(a) while exercising their functions as such, and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability of all papers and documents;

(b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts

done by them in their capacity as representatives;

- (c) while exercising their functions and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to any envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's government in Belize, save that the relief allowed shall not include relief from customs and excise duties or entry tax except in respect of goods imported as part of their personal baggage. They shall not, where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, be deemed to be residence in Belize during any period when they are present in Belize whilst exercising their functions or during their journey to and from the place of meeting. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to British subjects whose usual place of abode is in Belize.

(2) For the purpose of the application of this Order, the expression "representatives of member governments" shall be deemed to include their official staffs, accompanying them as such representatives, as delegates, deputy delegates, advisers, technical experts or secretaries of delegations.

(3) The provisions of the preceding paragraphs of this Article shall not confer any immunity or privilege upon any person as the representative of Her Majesty's Government in Belize or as member of the staff of such a representative.

C. High Officials

10. Except in so far as any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the World Health Organisation, officers of the Organisation holding the offices of Director-General or Deputy Director-General shall be accorded Particular officials.

in respect of themselves, their spouses and children under the age of twenty-one, the like immunity from suit and legal process, the like inviolability of residence and the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize, his spouse and children, and they shall also enjoy exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers of the World Health Organisation.

D. Persons Serving on Committees of or employed on Missions on behalf of the Organisation

Committee
Members.

11. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the World Health Organisation, persons (other than officials of the Organisation) serving on committees of, or employed on missions on behalf of the Organisation shall enjoy –

- (a) while exercising their functions as such, and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability of all papers and documents relating to the work of the Organisation;
- (b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of word spoken or written and all acts done by them in the exercise of their functions. Such immunity shall continue notwithstanding that the person concerned is no longer employed on missions on behalf of the Organisation.

E. Other Officials of the Organisation

Officials.

12. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Organisation, all officials of the World Health Organisation, other than those referred to in Article 10 above, shall enjoy –

- (a) immunity from suit and legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in the course of the performance of their official duties;
- (b) exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers and servants of the World Health Organisation.

F. General

13. The names of the persons to whom the provisions of Articles 9, 10, 11 and 12 of this Order apply shall be set forth in a list compiled and published from time to time by the Minister under section 2 (3) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Consular Conventions Act, and such list shall show in regard to each person the date as from which, for the purposes of this Order, he first held the office or employment in question, and the date when he ceased to hold that office or employment. List of names.

CHAPTER 23**DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL
ORGANISATION) ORDER****ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS**

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DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
CULTURAL ORGANISATION) ORDER

Ch. 176.

Ch. 17.

(Sections 3, 5 and 6)

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

**DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (UNITED NATIONS
EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL
ORGANISATION) ORDER.**

A. The Organisation

2. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (hereinafter referred to as the Organisation) is an Organisation of which Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the governments of foreign sovereign powers are members.

Organisation.

3. The Organisation shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate and, except in so far as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity, immunity from suit and legal process. No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution.

Body corporate.

4. The Organisation shall have the like inviolability of official archives and premises occupied as offices as is accorded in respect of official archives and premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize.

Official archives.

5. The Organisation shall have the like exemption or relief from taxes and rates, other than taxes on the importation of goods, as is accorded to a foreign sovereign power.

Taxes.

- Customs. 6. The Organisation shall have exemption from taxes on the importation of goods directly imported by the Organisation for its official use in Belize or for exportation, or on the importation of any of the publications of the Organisation directly imported by it, such exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Comptroller of Customs may prescribe for the protection of the revenue.
- Imports and exports. 7. The Organisation shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on the importation or exportation in the case of goods directly imported or exported by the Organisation for its official use and in the case of any publications of the Organisation directly imported or exported by it.
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reduced rates. 8. The Organisation shall have the right to avail itself, for telegraphic communications sent by it and containing only matter intended for publication by the press or for broadcasting (including communications addressed to or despatched from places outside Belize), of any reduced rates applicable for the corresponding service in the case of press telegrams.

*B. Representatives of Members: The President of the Conference:
Members of the Executive Board of the Organisation*

- Privileges. 9. (1) Except in so far as any privilege or immunity is waived, in the case of representatives of member governments, by the governments whom they represent; in the case of the President of the Conference, by the Organisation; and in the case of members of the executive board, by the executive board of the Organisation, representatives of member governments, the President of the Conference of the Organisation, and members of the executive board of the Organisation shall enjoy –
- (a) while exercising their functions as such, and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability for all papers and documents.

- (b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in their capacity as representatives;
- (c) while exercising their functions and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize, save that the relief allowed shall not include relief from customs and excise duties or entry tax except in respect of goods imported as part of their personal baggage. They shall not, where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, be deemed to be resident in Belize during any period when they are present in Belize whilst exercising their functions and during their journey to and from the place of meeting. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to British subjects whose usual place of abode is in Belize.

(2) For the purpose of the application of this Order, the expression "representatives of member governments" shall be deemed to include their official staffs accompanying them as such representatives, as delegates, deputy delegates, advisers, technical experts or secretaries of delegations.

(3) The provisions of the preceding paragraphs of this Article shall not confer any immunity or privilege upon any person as the representative of Her Majesty's Government in Belize or as a member of the staff of such a representative.

C. High Officials

10. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is Particular officers.

waived by the Organisation, officers of the Organisation holding the offices of Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General shall be accorded in respect of themselves, their spouses and children under the age of twenty-one, the like immunity from suit and legal process, the like inviolability of residence and the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize, his spouse and children, including exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers of the Organisation.

D. Persons Employed on Missions on behalf of the Organisation

Missions.

11. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Organisation, persons employed on missions on behalf of the Organisation shall enjoy –

- (a) while exercising their functions as such, and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability of all papers and documents relating to the work of the Organisation;
- (b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in the exercise of their functions. Such immunity shall continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer employed on missions on behalf of the Organisation.

E. Other Officials of the Organisation

Officials.

12. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Organisation, all officials of the Organisation (other than those referred to in Article 10 above) shall enjoy –

- (a) immunity from suit and legal process in respect of words spoken

or written and all acts done by them in the course of the performance of their official duties;

- (b) exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers or servants of the Organisation.

F. General

13. The names of the persons to whom the provisions of Articles 9 and 10 of this Order apply shall be set forth in a list compiled and published from time to time by the Minister under section 2(3) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Consular Conventions Act, and such list shall show in regard to each person the date as from which for the purposes of this Order, he first held the office or employment in question, and the date when he ceased to hold that office or employment. List of names.

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Ch. 176.

Ch. 17.

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION) ORDER.

A. The Organisation

2. The Food and Agriculture Organisation (hereinafter referred to as “the Organisation”) is an organisation of which Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the governments of foreign sovereign powers are members.

Organisation.

3. The Organisation shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate and, except in so far as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity, immunity from suit and legal process. No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution.

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4. The Organisation shall have the like inviolability of official archives and premises occupied as offices as is accorded in respect of official archives and premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty’s Government in Belize.

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directly imported by it, such exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Comptroller of Customs may prescribe for the protection of the revenue.

Imports and exports. 7. The Organisation shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on the importation or exportation in the case of goods directly imported or exported by the Organisation for its official use and in the case of any publications of the Organisation directly imported or exported by it.

Telephone, etc:
reduced rates. 8. The Organisation shall have the right to avail itself, for telegraphic communications sent by it and containing only matter intended for publication by the press or for broadcasting (including communications addressed to or despatched from places outside Belize), of any reduced rates applicable for the corresponding service in the case of press telegrams.

B. Representatives of Members: Chairman of the Council of the Organisation

Privileges. 9. (1) Except in so far as any privilege or immunity is waived, in the case of representatives of member governments, by the governments whom they represent and, in the case of the Chairman of the Council of the Organisation, by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organisation, representatives of member governments, and the Chairman of the Council of the Organisation shall enjoy –

(a) while exercising their functions as such, and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability for all papers and documents;

(b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in their capacity as representatives;

- (c) while exercising their functions and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize, save that the relief allowed shall not include relief from customs and excise duties or entry tax except in respect of goods imported as part of their personal baggage. They shall not, where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, be deemed to be resident in Belize during any period when they are present in Belize whilst exercising their functions and during their journey to and from the place of meeting. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to British subjects whose usual place of abode is in Belize.

(2) For the purpose of the application of this Order, the expression "representatives of member governments" shall be deemed to include their official staffs accompanying them as such representatives, as delegates, deputy delegates, advisers, technical experts or secretaries of delegations.

(3) The provisions of the preceding paragraphs of this Article shall not confer any immunity or privilege upon any person as the representative of Her Majesty's Government in Belize or as a member of the staff of such a representative.

C. High Officials

10. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Organisation, officers of the Organisation holding the offices of Director-General and Deputy Director-General shall be accorded in respect of themselves, their spouses and children under the age of twenty one, the like Particular officers.

immunity from suit and legal process, the like inviolability of residence and the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize, his spouse and children, including exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers of the Organisation.

D. Persons Employed on Missions on behalf of the Organisation

Missions.

11. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Organisation, persons (other than the officials of the Organisation) serving on committees of, or on behalf of the Organisation shall enjoy –

- (a) while exercising their function as such, and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability of all papers and documents relating to the work of the Organisation;
- (b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in the exercise of their functions. Such immunity shall continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer employed on missions on behalf of the Organisation.

E. Other Officials of the Organisation

Officials.

12. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Organisation, all officials of the Organisation (other than those referred to in Article 10 above) shall enjoy –

- (a) immunity from suit and legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in the course of the performance of their official duties;

- (b) exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers or servants of the Organisation.

F. General

13. The names of the persons to whom the provisions of Articles 9 and 10 of this Order apply shall be set forth in a list compiled and published from time to time by the Minister under section 2 (3) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Consular Conventions Act, and such list shall show in regard to each person the date as from which, for the purposes of this Order, he first held the office or employment in question, and the date when he ceased to hold that office or employment. List of names.

CHAPTER 23**DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE) ORDER****ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS**

1. Short title.

PART I**THE UNITED NATIONS**

2. Organisation.
3. Body corporate.
4. Official archives.
5. Taxes.
6. Customs.
7. Imports and exports.
8. Telephone, etc: reduced rates.
9. Privileges.
10. Interpretation.
11. Particular officials.
12. Missions.
13. Officials.

PART II**INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE**

14. Privileges of Court.
15. Income Tax.
16. Privileges of agents, council, etc.

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17. List of names.

CHAPTER 23

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL
COURT OF JUSTICE) ORDER
(Sections 3, 5 and 6)

Ch. 176.
Ch. 17.

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL COURT OF
JUSTICE) ORDER.

PART I
THE UNITED NATIONS

A. The Organisation

2. The United Nations set up by the Charter signed at San Francisco on the 26th June, 1945, is an organisation of which Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the governments of foreign sovereign powers are members.

Organisation.

3. The United Nations shall have the legal capacity of a body corporate and, except in so far as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity, immunity from suit and legal process. No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution.

Body corporate.

4. The United Nations shall have the like inviolability of official archives and premises occupied as offices as is accorded in respect of official archives and premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize.

Official archives.

5. The United Nations shall have the like exemption or relief from taxes

Taxes.

and rates, other than taxes on the importation of goods, as is accorded to a foreign sovereign power.

Customs.

6. The United Nations shall have exemption from taxes on the importation of goods directly imported by the organisation for its official use in Belize or for exportation, or on the importation of any publications of the organisation directly imported by it, such exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Comptroller of Customs and Excise may prescribe for the protection of the revenue.

Imports and exports.

7. The United Nations shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on importation and exportation in the case of goods directly imported or exported by the organisation for its official use in the case of any publications of the organisation directly imported or exported by it.

Telephone, etc:
reduced rates.

8. The United Nations shall have the right to avail itself, for telegraphic communications sent by it and containing only matter intended for publication by the press or for broadcasting (including communications addressed to or despatched from places outside Belize), of any reduced rates applicable for the corresponding service in the case of press telegrams.

B. Representatives of Members

Privileges.

9. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the member governments whom they represent, representatives of member governments to the General Assembly or to any Council or other organ of the United Nations shall enjoy –

(a) while exercising their functions as such, and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability for all papers and documents;

(b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words

spoken or written and all acts done by them in their capacity as representatives;

- (c) while exercising their functions and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize save that the relief allowed shall not include relief from customs or excise duties except in respect of goods imported as part of their personal baggage. They shall not, where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, be deemed to be resident in Belize during any period when they are present in Belize while exercising their functions or during their journey to and from the place of meeting.

10. For the purposes of the application of this Order, the expression "representatives of member governments" shall be deemed to include their official staffs, accompanying them as such representatives, as delegates, deputy delegates, advisers, technical experts or secretaries of delegations. Interpretation.

C. High Officials of the United Nations

11. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Secretary-General or the Security Council of the United Nations, the Secretary-General and Assistant Secretaries General of the United Nations (and not exceeding at one time six in number) shall be accorded in respect of themselves, their spouses and children under the age of twenty-one the like immunity from suit and legal process, the like inviolability of residence and the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize, his spouse and children. They shall also enjoy exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers of the United Nations. Particular officials.

D. Persons employed on missions on behalf of the United Nations

Missions.

12. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, persons employed on missions on behalf of the United Nations shall enjoy –

- (a) while exercising their functions as such, and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability for all papers and documents;
- (b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in the exercise of these functions.

E. Other Officials of the United Nations

Officials.

13. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, officials of the United Nations (other than those referred to in Article 11 above, and officials engaged locally and remunerated by payment calculated by the number of hours worked) shall enjoy –

- (a) immunity from suit and legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in the course of the performance of their official duties; and
- (b) exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers or servants of the United Nations.

PART II**INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE**

Privileges of Court. 14. Except in so far as in any particular case privilege or immunity is waived

by the Court, the Judges and Registrar of the International Court of Justice (including any officer of the Court acting as Registrar) shall, when engaged on the business of the Court and during any journey to and from the place where the Court is sitting in connection with such business, enjoy the like immunity from suit and legal process, the like inviolability of residence and also the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize.

15. The Judges and Registrar of the International Court of Justice shall enjoy exemption from income tax in respect of all emoluments received by them as Judges or Registrar. Income Tax.

16. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the government whom they represent before the Court, the agents, counsel and advocates of parties before the Court shall enjoy – Privileges of agents, council, etc.

- (a) when engaged on their missions before the Court and during their journeys to and from the place where the Court is sitting in connection with such missions, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability for all papers and documents;
- (b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in this capacity;
- (c) when engaged on their missions before the Court and during their journeys to and from the place where the Court is sitting in connection with such mission, the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty's Government in Belize, save that the relief allowed shall not include relief from customs or excise duties except in respect of goods imported as part of their personal baggage. They shall not, where incidence of any form of tax depends upon residence, be deemed to be resident

in Belize during any period when they are present in Belize while exercising these functions or during their journey to and from the place of meeting.

PART III
GENERAL

List of names.

17. The names of the persons to whom the provisions of Articles 9,10,11,12,14,15 and 16 of this Order apply shall be set forth in a list compiled and published from time to time by the Minister under section 2 (3) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Consular Conventions Act, and such list shall show in regard to each person the date as from which, for the purposes of this Order, he first held the office or employment in question, and the date when he ceased to hold that office or employment.

CHAPTER 23

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK) ORDER

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Interpretation.
3. The Bank.
4. Legal Status.
5. Judicial Proceedings.
6. Immunity of Assets.
7. Inviolability of Archives.
8. Freedom of Assets from Restrictions.
9. Privilege for Communications.
10. Personal Immunities and Privileges.
11. Immunities from Taxation.
12. List of names of persons entitled to immunity.

CHAPTER 23

134 of 1993.

Ch. 17.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK) ORDER*(Sections 3, 5 and 6)**[11th December, 1993.]*

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK) ORDER.

Interpretation.

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires –

“Agreement” means the Agreement establishing the Inter-American Development Bank which became effective on December 30, 1959; and was accepted by Belize on the 28th of September, 1992;

“Bank” means the Inter-American Development Bank;

“member” means a member of the Inter-American Development Bank.

The Bank.

3. The Inter-American Development Bank is an organisation of which the Government of Belize and the governments of foreign sovereign powers are members.

Legal Status.

4. The Bank shall possess juridical personality and, in particular, full capacity:

(a) to contract;

(b) to acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property;
and

(c) to institute legal proceedings.

5. (1) Actions may be brought against the Bank in Belize only in a court of competent jurisdiction and provided that the Bank has an office in Belize, has appointed an agent for the purpose of accepting service or notice of process, or has issued or guaranteed securities. Judicial Proceedings.

(2) No action shall be brought against the Bank by members or persons acting for or deriving claims from members. However, member countries shall have recourse to such special procedures to settle controversies between the Bank and its members as may be prescribed in the Agreement, in the by laws and regulations of the Bank or in contracts entered into with the Bank.

(3) Property and assets of the Bank shall, wheresoever located and by whomsoever held, be immune from all forms of seizure, attachment or execution before the delivery of final judgment against the Bank.

6. Property and assets of the Bank, wheresoever located and by whomsoever held, shall be considered public international property and shall be immune from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation or any other form of taking or foreclosure by executive or legislative action. Immunity of Assets.

7. The archives of the Bank shall be inviolable. Inviolability of Archives.

8. To the extent necessary to carry out the purpose and functions of the Bank and to conduct its operations in accordance with the Agreement, all property and other assets of the Bank shall be free from restrictions, regulations, controls and moratoria of any nature, except as may otherwise be provided in the Agreement. Freedom of assets from Restrictions.

9. The official communications of the Bank shall be accorded by Belize the same treatment that it accords to the official communications of other members. Privilege for Communications.

Personal Immunities
and Privileges.

10. All governors, executive directors, alternates, officers, and employees of the Bank shall have the following privileges and immunities:

- (a) Immunity from legal process with respect to acts performed by them in their official capacity, except when the Bank waives this immunity.
- (b) When not local nationals, the same immunities from immigration restrictions, alien registration requirements and national service obligations and the same facilities as regards exchange provisions as are accorded by members to the representatives, officials, and employees of comparable rank of other members.
- (c) The same privileges in respect of travelling facilities as are accorded by members to representatives, officials, and employees of comparable rank of other members.

Immunities from
Taxation.

11. (a) The Bank, its property, other assets, income, and the operations and transactions it carries out pursuant to the Agreement, shall be immune from all taxation and from all customs duties. The Bank shall also be immune from any obligation relating to the payment, withholding or collection of any tax, or duty.

- (b) No tax shall be levied on or in respect of salaries and emoluments paid by the Bank to executive directors, alternates, officials or employees of the Bank who are not local citizens or other local nationals.
- (c) No tax of any kind shall be levied on any obligations or security issued by the Bank, including any dividend or interest thereon, by whomsoever held:
 - (i) which discriminates against such obligation or security solely because it is issued by the Bank; or

- (ii) if the sole jurisdictional basis for such taxation is the place or currency in which it is issued made payable or paid, or the location of any office or place of business maintained by the Bank.
- (d) No tax of any kind shall be levied on any obligation or security guaranteed by the Bank, including any dividend or interest thereon, by whomsoever held:
 - (i) which discriminates against such obligation or security solely because it is guaranteed by the Bank; or
 - (ii) if the sole jurisdictional basis for such taxation is the location of any office or place of business maintained by the Bank.

12. The names of the persons to whom the provisions of Article 10 of this Order apply shall be set forth in a list compiled and published from time to time by the Minister under section 2 (3) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Consular Conventions Act, and such list shall show in regard to each person the date as from which for the purposes of this Order, he first held the office or employment in question, and the date when he ceased to hold that office or employment.

List of names of persons entitled to immunity.

CAP. 23.

MADE by the Minister of Foreign Affairs this 6th day of December, 1993.

(DEAN O. BARROW)
Minister of Foreign Affairs

CHAPTER 23**DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATION ON
AGRICULTURE) ORDER****ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS**

1. Short title.
2. Interpretation.
3. The Institute.
4. Body Corporate.
5. Official Archives.
6. Immunity from taxes and duties.
7. Privilege for communications.
8. Personal Privileges and Immunities.
9. Waiver of Privileges and Immunities.
10. List of names.
11. Belizean nationals and Permanent Residents excluded.

CHAPTER 23

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATION ON
AGRICULTURE) ORDER

162 of 1994.

(Sections 3, 5 and 6)

[18th November, 1994.]

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

**DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (INTER-AMERICAN
INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATION ON AGRICULTURE)
ORDER.**

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires -

Interpretation.

“Convention” means the Convention on the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture which came into effect on the 8th day of December, 1980 and was signed by Belize on the 19th June, 1992;

“Member” means a member of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture.

3. The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as “IICA”) is an organization of which the Government of Belize and the governments of foreign sovereign powers are members.

The Institute.

4. IICA shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate and shall enjoy immunity from suit and legal process except insofar as it has waived its immunity in a particular case. No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution.

Body Corporate.

5. IICA shall have the like inviolability of official archives and premises

Official Archives.

occupied as offices as is accorded in respect of official archives and premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to the Government of Belize.

Immunity from taxes and duties.

6. (1) IICA, its property, other assets, income and the operations and transactions it carries out pursuant to the Convention shall be immune from all taxation and customs duties. IICA shall also be immune from any obligation relating to the payment, withholding or collection of any tax, or duty.

(2) No tax shall be levied on or in respect of salaries and emoluments paid by IICA to officials or employees of IICA.

(3) The employees of IICA whose duties require them to reside in Belize shall be allowed to import, free from duties and taxes, household goods, personal effects (including vehicles) and other items for personal and family use, on the same conditions as are applicable to the diplomatic personnel of a foreign sovereign power accredited to the Government of Belize.

Privilege for communications.

7. The official communications of IICA shall be accorded by Belize the same treatment that it accords to the official communications of other members.

Personal Privileges and Immunities.

8. (1) The Director General, officials and employees of IICA shall have the following privileges and immunities:

(a) Immunity from legal process with respect to acts performed by them in their official capacity, except when IICA waives this immunity.

(b) The same immunities from immigration restrictions, alien registration requirements and national service obligations and the same facilities as regards exchange provisions as are accorded by members to the representatives, officials, and employees of comparable rank of other members.

(c) The same privileges in respect of travelling facilities as are accorded by members to representatives, officials and employees of comparable rank of other members.

(2) The spouse, minor children or other dependents of the Director General, officials and employees of IICA shall receive the same privileges and immunities as family members of diplomatic personnel in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and International Custom.

9. The privilege or immunity of an official or employee of IICA may be waived by the Director General when in his opinion such privilege or immunity interferes with the administration of justice and when such action is not detrimental to the interests of IICA.

Waiver of Privileges and Immunities.

10. The names of the persons to whom the provisions of Articles 6 and 8 of this Order apply shall be set forth in a list compiled and published from time to time by the Minister under Section 2 (3) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Consular Conventions Act, and such list shall show in regard to each person the date as from which for the purposes of this Order, he first held the office or employment in question, and the date when he ceased to hold that office or employment.

List of names.

CAP. 23.

11. The privileges and immunities contained in this Order shall not apply to any person who is a citizen of Belize or is ordinarily resident in Belize.

Belizean nationals and Permanent Residents excluded.

MADE by the Minister of Foreign Affairs this 3rd day of November, 1994.

(DEAN O. BARROW)
Minister of Foreign Affairs

CHAPTER 23**DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(ORGANISATION OF AMERICAN STATES) ORDER****ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS**

1. Short title.
2. Interpretation.
3. The Organization.
4. Legal Status.
5. Immunity from Jurisdiction.
6. Inviolability.
7. Monetary and Foreign Exchange Restrictions.
8. Taxes.
9. Withholding and Declarations.
10. Communications.
11. Travel document.
12. Fares.
13. Insurance.
14. General.
15. Foreign Staff Members.
16. Customary Courtesies.
17. Fellowship Students of the Organization.
18. Accreditation.
19. Nature of the Privileges and Immunities.
20. Most favourable provisions.

CHAPTER 23

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(ORGANISATION OF AMERICAN STATES) ORDER
(Sections 3, 5 and 6)

63 of 1995.
Ch. 17.

[3rd June, 1995.]

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES
(ORGANISATION OF AMERICAN STATES) ORDER.

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires -

Interpretation.

“archives” comprises the correspondence, manuscripts, books, documents, and other library material, photographs, films, sound recordings, and all audiovisual documents and materials of any nature owned by the Office or in its possession;

“Charter” means the Charter of the Organisation of American States;

“the competent authorities” means the authorities of Belize, in accordance with its laws;

“fee” describes a levy charged for actual or potential individualized public services furnished to the payer, with the proceeds earmarked only for the service for which the obligation is budgeted. Payment received from the user for services not inherent to the State is not a fee;

“Government” means the Government of Belize;

“General Secretariat” means the General Secretariat of the Organization;

“headquarters” includes all the branches and offices of the Office;

“levy” includes all taxes, fees, and special assessments and any other charges and rates of the same or similar nature provided for in the laws of Belize, howsoever they may be called;

“member states” means the states that are members of the Organization;

“members of the family” includes the dependent relatives by consanguinity or affinity of the personnel of the Office and of the General Secretariat, whatever their grade, in accordance with the laws of Belize;

“the Office” means the Office of the General Secretariat of the Organization in Belize;

“the Organization” means the Organization of American States;

“personnel of the Office” includes all staff members of the Office of any level and rank, including administrative and service personnel;

“personnel of the General Secretariat” includes all the staff members of the General Secretariat of whatever level and rank, including the administrative and service personnel, regardless of nationality and country or place in which they are working, staff members of any level and rank of the specialized organizations of the Organization, and the technicians, experts, and consultants of the Organization or of the centers or entities that are agencies of it;

“property” includes real property; furniture, vehicles and means of transportation, working equipment and materials, rights of any nature, funds in any currency, gold and foreign exchange, assets, income and donations, operations and other resources, and, in general, anything that may constitute the property of a natural or judicial person;

“The Secretary General” means the Secretary General of the Organization;

“shipments” means the equipment, goods and merchandise shipped abroad by any means and intended for the Organization, the General Secretariat, or the Office;

“social security contribution” describes the levy paid by employers and workers who are members of the groups benefited and is intended to finance the welfare service;

“tax” means a levy charged due to a situation independent of any State activity related to the payer;

A. The Organization

3. The Organization of American States is an organization of which the Government of Belize and the government of foreign sovereign powers are members. The Organization.

4. The Organization, the General Secretariat and the Office shall have in Belize: Legal Status.

(1) Full legal status and personality and, consequently, the capacity to acquire rights and undertake obligations and, in particular, to contract for, dispose of, or encumber for any cause, furniture and real estate and rights; to institute legal and administrative proceedings and, in general, to execute all legal acts or business inherent in the performance of their duties.

(2) Independence and freedom of action appropriate to international organizations, in accordance with international custom and the customs of the place, without prejudice to the other provisions of this Order.

5. The Office, the General Secretariat, and the Organization, and also its property, premises, files, and shipments shall enjoy immunity in Belize against judicial and administrative procedure, being immune from search, seizure, or Immunity from Jurisdiction.

any other measure of execution, except in particular cases in which that immunity is expressly waived by the Director of the Office, duly authorized to do so by the Secretary General. The effects of the waiver shall not extend to measures of execution affecting the property, premises, files and shipments of the Office, the General Secretariat, or the Organization, which shall require another express waiver.

Inviolability.

6. The premises, property, files, correspondence, and shipments of the Office, the General Secretariat, and the Organization shall be inviolable within Belize, wherever located and by whomsoever held; and they shall be immune from search, requisition, inspection, censure, registration, seizure, and from any other form of interference, whether of an executive, administrative, judicial, or legislative nature. The consent of the Director of the Office shall be required for agents of the State to be permitted to enter the headquarters of the Office.

Monetary and
Foreign Exchange
Restrictions.

7. (1) The Office, the General Secretariat and the Organization may, without the restriction of financial decrees, regulations, or moratoria of any kind:

- (a) Hold funds, gold or currency of any kind and operate accounts in any currency;
- (b) Transfer their funds, gold or currency of any kind within or outside of Belize; and
- (c) Convert any currency held by them into any other currency.

(2) In the exercise of these privileges, the General Secretariat shall give due attention to any objection made by the Government to the extent that it considers that such an objection may be taken into account without detriment to the interest of the Office, the General Secretariat, and the Organization.

Taxes.

8. The Office, the General Secretariat, and the Organization shall have

the following tax privileges:

(1) Total exemption from payment and transfer of charges with respect to national or municipal taxes involving the following taxable events:

- (a) The importation into Belize of merchandise for their use or consumption or for that of projects of cooperation for development that they execute in whole or in part in Belize, or in whose execution they participate.
- (b) The exportation from Belize for their use or consumption or for that of projects of cooperation for development that they execute in whole or in part in Belize or in whose execution they participate.
- (c) The buying, selling, or conducting of other equivalent operations with respect to merchandise for their use or consumption, or that have been in use or consumption for projects of cooperation for development that they execute in whole or in part in Belize, or in whose execution they participate.
- (d) The rendering and receiving services of any class, including national and international air, sea, and land passages.
- (e) The holding, purchasing, or use of real property and holding, registering and driving of vehicles of any kind for the execution of their activities or those of projects of cooperation for development that they execute in Belize, or in whose execution they participate.

(f) The obtainment of income, rents, contributions, funds, donations, and loans for the purposes set forth in the Charter.

(g) The implementation of all kinds of agreements, conventions, acts, contracts, documents, actions, petitions, and briefs with any type of persons or before any national or foreign authorities.

(2) Regarding fees:

(a) Franking privileges for local telegraph service and postal service for correspondence, including printed matter and parcels, in accordance with Article 142 of the Charter of the Organization.

(b) Same rates as applied to the Government for water, light, telephone, telex, cable, telegram, and mail services.

(3) Total exemption from improvement, social security, or any other type of special assessments. The personnel of the Office and of the General Secretariat shall be protected under the employment systems and social welfare regulations of the Organization and the General Secretariat shall not be required to affiliate its personnel with the national social security and welfare systems. Notwithstanding, the general Secretariat may make arrangements with national social security and welfare institutions for its personnel, when it deems this advisable.

Withholding and
Declarations.

9. The Office, the General Secretariat and the Organization shall be exempt from having to withhold or collect any levy and/or present declarations or returns in this respect.

Communications.

10. The Office, the General Secretariat, and the Organization shall have

the benefit of the following for its national and international official communications in Belize:

- (a) Facilities no less favourable than those granted by the Government to any international organization with respect to priorities, tariffs, and rates on cables, telegrams, radiograms, telexes, telephone, telephotos, and other communications.
- (b) The right to use codes or keys and to send and receive their correspondence by courier or in sealed pouches, enjoying for this purpose the same privileges and immunities as those granted for diplomatic mail, couriers, or pouches.
- (c) The right to be free of all restrictions in their correspondence or other official communications.

11. “Official Travel Document” issued by the General Secretariat shall be recognized by the Government as a valid and sufficient document for national and international travel of the staff members or other persons on official travel on behalf of the Office, the General Secretariat, or the Organization within or outside of Belize. This document requires no visa for its holder to enter the country and remain there until the conclusion of his mission or service in the country. Family members of the holder of the “Official Travel Document” not included therein shall be given official visas in their national passport to permit them to enter the country and to remain therein. These visas shall be issued without delay, for no fixed time, and shall not require the presence of the family members in the diplomatic or consular mission of the country, or payment of any fee. The same provision shall apply to officers, personnel or contractors of the General Secretariat or of the Organization, and to members of their families, who, because of the short duration of the official mission, do not have the “Official Travel Document” and must enter the country with passports issued by their countries of origin. The Government shall take the appropriate measures for these cases.

Travel document.

Fares. 12. Officers, staff members or contractors of the Office, the General Secretariat, or the Organization taking national or international trips on official mission, and also OAS fellowship students and individuals invited by the Organization to participate in contests or special events, shall not be required to pay entry and embarkation taxes at ports and airports. These provisions also apply to family members of the staff and of the fellowship students of the Organization.

Insurance. 13. The Government shall accept as valid in Belize all insurance contracted by the General Secretariat or the self insurance plans established by the General Secretariat, in connection with persons, shipments, vehicles, and other assets of the Organization, even though said insurance is contracted with insurance companies located in other Member countries.

B. Personnel

General. 14. Staff members of the Office and of the General Secretariat:

(1) Shall have the status of international officers serving an international organization, in accordance with Articles 123 and 124 of the Charter, and shall be selected, contracted and appointed by the Secretary General, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 118 and 125 of the Charter.

(2) In their position as officers of an international organization:

(a) They shall enjoy immunity from personal arrest, detention, administrative and judicial proceedings in connection with the official acts and deeds that they execute and in respect of words spoken or written by them in the performance of their duties and even after these have concluded, without prejudice to the Secretary General's power to waive that immunity in cases in which he considers

this necessary.

- (b) They shall be exempt from taxes of all kinds on their salaries, benefits, and other remunerations received from the Office and from the General Secretariat, including their retirement pensions and indemnities and other payments for retirement or separation.
- (c) They shall be provided with an official identification document issued by the foreign ministry of Belize.

15. Staff members of the Office, the General Secretariat, and the Organization, and members of their families, not nationals of Belize, shall, in addition, enjoy the following privileges and immunities:

Foreign Staff
Members.

- (1) Inviolability of their baggage, personal effects, papers and documents.
- (2) Exemption from compulsory national service.
- (3) The same repatriation facilities as those accorded to diplomatic agents in times of international crisis.
- (4) The usual facilities and courtesies compatible with the laws on nationality and immigration in force in Belize; and freedom to enter, leave, and travel in Belize with no other requirement or document than the "Official Travel Document" issued by the Organization.
- (5) Full exemption from the following taxes:
 - (a) On importation or introduction into the country of baggage, furniture, household effects and equipment, and merchandise and articles for family

use or consumption upon their entry into the country as part of the family's residence therein.

(b) On the importation or introduction into the country of baggage, furniture, household effects and equipment, vehicles, and merchandise and articles for personal or family use or consumption during the period of official stay in and up to three months after final departure from the country, subject to the following rules:

(i) Baggage, furniture, household effects and equipment, merchandise and articles shall be inspected by customs, resulting duties assessed, and exemptions declared, which shall not exceed the annual quota and maximum limits assigned per shipment, in accordance with the regulations in force. These limitations may not be smaller than those allocated to diplomatic agents. For this purpose, the annual quota assigned to the Director of the Office shall be the same as that assigned to chiefs of mission, and other staff members shall be allowed the same quota as that assigned to first secretaries, military, naval, and air attaches, and high-ranking civilians.

(ii) Vehicles shall be restricted to one automobile or to some other vehicle for personal use for each member of the staff.

(c) On export of baggage, furniture, personal effects, household equipment, merchandise, articles, and

vehicles for personal or family use, owned by a member of the staff, at the close of his mission or service and up to six months after his final departure from the country.

(d) On transfer of his automobile or other vehicle for personal use, under the terms and conditions established by legislation in force. Notwithstanding, the transfer shall be exempt from such terms and conditions with respect to automobiles or other vehicles for personal use that:

(i) Belonged to staff members who died while carrying out their mission or service.

(ii) Occurred because of the official transfer of the staff member to another country, or country repatriation, if he has served in Belize for one year or more.

16. When they visit the country on official mission, the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General of the Organization, the Executive Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and other high officials of the General Secretariat of the Organization shall enjoy the facilities appropriate to their position and station, in accordance with international custom.

Customary
Courtesies.

17. Fellowship students designated by the Organization to receive training or do research in the country or abroad shall have the following benefits:

Fellowship
Students of the
Organization.

(1) Exemption from any levy on the living allowance received from the Organization, including taxes, fees, or assessments, or any other contributions, charges or rates, howsoever they may be called.

(2) For foreign fellowship students, their spouses and dependents, exemption from any obligation to register as aliens.

(3) Official visas, free of charge, in the passports of foreign fellowship students and in those of their spouses and dependents for the period of duration of the fellowship in the country.

Accreditation.

18. The Director of the Office, or whosoever replaces him, shall send to the Foreign Ministry of Belize a list of the personnel of the Office and of the General Secretariat working in Belize, eligible for the privileges according to this Order and such list shall show in regard to each person, the date as from which for the purposes of this Order, he first held the Office or employment in question and the date when he ceased to hold that Office or employment.

C. General Features

Nature of the Privileges and Immunities.

19. The privileges and immunities in this Order are granted to the personnel of the Office and of the General Secretariat in the interest only of the General Secretariat and of the Organization. The Secretary General or the Director, by delegation, shall waive the privileges and immunities of any staff member in any case where, in the judgment of the Secretary General, the exercise thereof would impede the course of justice, and when such waiver can be made without prejudice to the interests of the Office and of the General Secretariat.

Most favourable provisions.

20. The Office, the General Secretariat and the Organization, and also their staff members, may avail themselves of the most favorable provisions now in force or that may be issued or agreed upon in the future by Belize regarding immunities, privileges, or prerogatives, for other international organizations or technical cooperation missions, and for the personnel of these organizations or missions.

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Minister of Foreign Affairs

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