

ARTICLE V.—REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBERS

Section 13

Representatives of members at meetings convened by a specialized agency shall, while exercising their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, enjoy the following privileges and immunities :—

- (a) Immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage, and in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in their official capacity, immunity from legal process of every kind ;
- (b) Inviolability for all papers and documents ;
- (c) The right to use codes and to receive papers or correspondence by courier or in sealed bags ;
- (d) Exemption in respect of themselves, and their spouses, from immigration restrictions, aliens' registration or national service obligations in the State they are visiting or through which they are passing in the exercise of their functions ;
- (e) The same facilities in respect of currency or exchange restrictions as are accorded to representatives of foreign Governments on temporary official missions ;
- (f) The same immunities and facilities in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to members of comparable rank of diplomatic missions.

Section 14

In order to secure for the representatives of members of the specialized agencies at meetings convened by them complete freedom of speech and independence in the discharge of their duties, the immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in discharging their duties shall continue to be accorded, notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer engaged in the discharge of such duties.

Section 15

Where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, periods during which the representatives of members of the specialized agencies at meetings convened by them are present in a State for the discharge of their duties shall not be considered as periods of residence.

Section 16

Privileges and immunities are accorded to the representatives of members not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves, but in order to safeguard the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the specialized agencies. Consequently, a member not only has the right but is under a duty to waive the immunity of its representatives in any case where, in the opinion of the member, the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the purpose for which the immunity is accorded.

Section 17

The provisions of Sections 13, 14 and 15 are not applicable in relation to the authorities of a State of which the person is a national or which he is or has been a representative.

ARTICLE VI.—OFFICIALS

Section 18

Each specialized agency will specify the categories of officials to which the provisions of this Article and of Article VIII shall apply. It shall communicate them to the Governments of all States parties to this Convention in respect of that agency and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The names of the officials included in these categories shall from time to time be made known to the above-mentioned Governments.

Section 19

Officials of the specialized agencies shall :—

- (a) Be immune from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts performed by them in their official capacity ;
- (b) Enjoy the same exemptions from taxation in respect of the salaries and emoluments paid to them by the specialized agency and on the same conditions as are enjoyed by officials of the United Nations ;
- (c) Be immune, together with their spouses and relatives dependent on them, from immigration restrictions and alien registration ;
- (d) Be accorded the same privileges in respect of exchange facilities as are accorded to officials of comparable rank of diplomatic mission ;