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(c) Acceptance of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General transmits to the Executive Council the Note by the Legal Adviser concerning the acceptance by WTO of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies.

This working document will be considered during the Executive Council session. Delegates are requested to bring their copies with them to the meetings.
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Note by the Legal Adviser

1. The process of the conversion of the WTO into a specialized agency of the United Nations was completed through the formal ratification of the agreement, approved by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations on 10 July 2003, by the General Assembly of the WTO (resolution 453 of 24 October 2003) and by that of the United Nations (resolution 58/232 of 23 December 2003), respectively. Consequently, the question of the WTO's acceptance of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of 21 November 1947 arises.

2. As stated in its preamble, this Convention, whose text is attached as an annex to the present note, is aimed at "the unification as far as possible of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by the United Nations and by the various specialized agencies". It regulates essential matters relative to the insertion in international society of the organizations linked to the United Nations by an agreement in accordance with the provisions of Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter: their juridical personality, the status of their property and assets, the facilities in respect of their communications, the privileges and immunities of the representatives of their Members and officials, and the laissez-passer they are entitled to use. Furthermore, the Convention contains clauses relative to abuses of privilege, its entry into force and its modes of application to each agency concerned, and to the settlement of disputes.

3. Acceptance of the Convention by the specialized agencies is not an obligation, and, furthermore, neither the General Assembly, nor the Economic and Social Council, nor the Office of the Legal Adviser of the United Nations made it a condition for the transformation of the WTO into a specialized agency. The fact remains, however, that despite not being legally indispensable, such formality has been carried out by all the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, including the last ones to acquire such status (UNIDO and IFAD). Acceptance of the Convention of 1947 seems to be essential, at least for the following reasons:

- it would solidify the WTO's anchorage in the system;
- it would allow the Organization to benefit from a coherent body of rules, which are well established and proven;
- it would usefully complement the provisions of the Statutes, which, although they state that the Organization has legal personality (Article 31) and enjoys in the territories of its Member States the privileges and immunities required for the exercise of its functions (Article 32), remain extremely lacking in this respect.

4. I would add that acceptance of the Convention would not affect the system of privileges and immunities provided for in the Convention of 10 November 1975 between Spain and the Organization, or the Supplemental Agreement of 19 May 1977, or the Special Agreement on the Headquarters Building of WTO:

- Article 3 of the 1975 Convention refers to all the immunities and privileges normally accorded to international organizations of a universal character, of which the 1947 Convention constitutes the most authoritative expression (it currently has 107 signatory States);

- Spain acceded to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies on 26 September 1974, and may, if it so wishes, refrain from accepting the annex (see below, par. 12) relative to the WTO, thus ensuring the continuity of the Headquarters Agreement with no possibility of any compatibility problems¹; incidentally, in accordance with the principle that the provisions of a special agreement takes precedence over those of a treaty of a general nature (lex specialis prior derogat), the first sentence of Section 39 of the Convention stipulates:

"The provisions of this Convention shall in no way limit or prejudice the privileges and immunities which have been, or may hereafter be, accorded by any State to any specialized agency by reason of the location in the territory of that State of its headquarters or regional offices";

furthermore, certain States have expressly specified this upon their accession to the Convention) for example, the interpretive declaration annexed by France to its instrument of accession of 2 August 2000); and,

- on any view, there does not appear to be any incompatibility among the relevant instruments, even if the provisions of the 1947 Convention are often more precise and detailed than those of the Headquarters Agreement (although the opposite may sometimes be true: cf. the provisions relative to "Customs").

5. In principle, Section 35 of the Convention stipulates that "the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit to the agency a draft annex recommended by the Economic and Social Council" As of this date, no such draft has been drawn up by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. However, it is my opinion that the WTO Executive Council would be well advised to:

- on the one hand, adopt a position regarding whether or not it would be advisable for the WTO to accept the Convention;

¹ States sometimes abstain from undertaking to apply the annexes relative to specialized agencies whose headquarters they host; but this is not a universal rule (cf. the acceptance by Italy of the annexes relative to the FAO and IFAD, by France of that relative to UNESCO, or by the United Kingdom of that relative to the IMO.)
- and on the other hand, suggest the specific points that could be included in the annex in order to adapt the Convention, if necessary, to the specific characteristics of the Organization.

6. Section 33 of the Convention stipulates that the "standard clauses" of the Convention (that is, the provisions of Articles 1 to 9) may be modified if need be. According to Section 40:

"It is understood that the standard clauses, as modified by the final text of an annex sent by a specialized agency to the Secretary-General of the United Nations under section 36 (or any revised annex sent under section 38), will be consistent with the provisions of the constitutional instrument then in force of the agency in question, and that if any amendment to that instrument is necessary for the purpose of making the constitutional instrument so consistent, such amendment will have been brought into force in accordance with the constitutional procedure of that agency before the final (or revised) annex is transmitted. The Convention shall not itself operate so as to abrogate, or derogate from, any provisions of the constitutional instrument of any specialized agency or any rights or obligations which the agency may otherwise have, acquire, or assume."

I consider that no provision of the Convention is incompatible with the provisions of the Statutes, and that there is no need to modify the latter.

7. On the other hand, it would no doubt be useful to adapt certain standard clauses to the specific needs of the Organization, as has been done in the case of all the other specialized agencies. In an annex to the present note, I indicate the points to which, prima facie, more detailed treatment can be given in the draft annex, in my opinion.

8. The text finally approved by the Executive Council could be transmitted by the Legal Adviser of the WTO to his counterpart at the United Nations for submission to the Economic and Social Council and its approval by the latter as a recommended annex (Section 35, mentioned in par. 5 above). It is only after this can it be formally approved by the WTO in accordance with its constitutional procedure.

9. It has been pointed out to me that Annexes XV, XVI and XVII — respectively concerning the last three specialized agencies to have accepted the Convention, WIPO, IFAD and UNIDO — were approved by non-plenary organs of these organizations. This does not seem possible in the WTO because, according to Article 12(I) of the Statutes, it is for the General Assembly to "approve ... the conclusion of agreements with governments and international organizations". Of course, the Assembly may delegate such powers, but it did not do so at its last session. It seems more expeditious for it to directly approve the annex relative to the WTO at its next session, that is, if the said annex is ready for approval. If it is not, it would no doubt be appropriate for it to delegate power in this respect to the Executive Council.
10. Once the annex is approved, it shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and shall thereupon "replace the draft referred to in section 35" (section 36). According to section 37:

"The present Convention becomes applicable to each specialized agency when it has transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the final text of the relevant annex and has informed him that it accepts the standard clauses, as modified by this annex, and undertakes to give effect to sections 8, 18, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32, 42 and 45 (subject to any modification of section 32 which may be found necessary in order to make the final text of the annex consonant with the constitutional instrument of the agency) and any provisions of the annex placing obligations on the agency. The Secretary-General shall communicate to all Members of the United Nations and to other States members of the specialized agencies certified copies of all annexes transmitted to him under this section and of revised annexes transmitted under section 38."

11. It is useful to note that, if such a need is felt in the future, the WTO could modify the annex relative to it, in accordance with section 38 of the Convention.

12. Once the annex receives final approval, each Member State of the WTO may notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of its approval of the annex, thus undertaking to apply the Convention (and the annex) in its relations with the Organization (section 43 of the Convention).

Geneva, 5 April 2004,

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CONVENTION ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations
on 21 November 1947

Whereas the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted on 13 February 1946 a resolution contemplating the unification as far as possible of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by the United Nations and by the various specialized agencies; and

Whereas consultations concerning the implementation of the aforesaid resolution have taken place between the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

Consequently, by resolution 179 (III) adopted on 21 November 1947, the General Assembly has approved the following Convention, which is submitted to the specialized agencies for acceptance and to every Member of the United Nations and to every other State member of one or more of the specialized agencies for accession.

Article 1
DEFINITION AND SCOPE

Section 1

In this Convention:

(i) The words "standard clauses" refer to the provisions of articles II to IX,

(ii) The words "specialized agencies" mean:

(a) The International Labour Organisation;
(b) The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
(c) The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;
(d) The International Civil Aviation Organization;
(e) The International Monetary Fund;
(f) The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development;
(g) The World Health Organization;
(h) The Universal Postal Union;
(i) The International Telecommunication Union; and
(j) Any other agency in relationship with the United Nations in accordance with Articles 67 and 63 of the Charter.

(iii) The word "Convention" means, in relation to any particular specialized agency, the standard clauses as modified by the final (or revised) text of the annex transmitted by that agency in accordance with sections 36 and 38.

(iv) For the purposes of article III, the words "property and assets" shall also include property and funds administered by a specialized agency in furtherance of its constitutional functions.

(v) For the purposes of articles V and VII, the expression "representatives of members" shall be deemed to include all representatives, alternates, advisors, technical experts and secretaries of delegations.

(vi) In sections 13, 14, 15 and 25, the expression "meetings convened by a specialized agency" means meetings: (1) of its assembly and of its executive body (however designated), and (2) of any commission provided for in its constitution; (3) of any international conference convened by it; and (4) of any committee of any of those bodies.

(vii) The term "executive head" means the principal executive official of the specialized agency in question, whether designated "Director-General" or otherwise.

Section 2

Each State party to this Convention in respect of any specialized agency to which this Convention has become applicable in accordance with section 37 shall accord to, or in
connexion with, that agency the privileges and
immunities set forth in the standard clauses
on the conditions specified therein, subject to
any modification of those clauses contained
in the provisions of the final (or revised)
annex relating to that agency and transmitted
in accordance with sections 36 or 38.

Article II
JURIDICAL PERSONALITY

Section 3
The specialised agencies shall possess juridical
personality. They shall have the capacity
(a) to contract, (b) to acquire and dispose of
immovable and movable property, (c) to insti-
tute legal proceedings.

Article III
PROPERTY, FUNDS AND ASSETS

Section 4
The specialised agencies, their property and
and assets, wherever located and by whomso-
ever held, shall enjoy immunity from every
form of legal process except in so far as in
any particular case they have expressly waived
their immunity. It is, however, understood that
no waiver of immunity shall extend to any
measure of execution.

Section 5
The premises of the specialised agencies
shall be inviolable. The property and assets
of the specialised agencies, wherever located
and by whomsoever held, shall be immune
from search, requisition, confiscation, expro-
priation and any other form of interference,
whether by executive, administrative, judicial
or legislative action.

Section 6
The archives of the specialised agencies, and
in general all documents belonging to them or
held by them, shall be inviolable, wherever
located.

Section 7
Without being restricted by financial con-
trols, regulations or moratoria of any kind:

(a) The specialised agencies may hold
funds, gold or currency of any kind and
operate accounts in any currency;
(b) The specialised agencies may freely
transfer their funds, gold or currency from one
country to another or within any country and
convert any currency held by them into any
other currency.

Section 8
Each specialised agency shall, in exercising
its rights under section 7 above, pay due regard
to any representations made by the Govern-
ment of any State party to this Convention in
so far as is considered that effect can be given
to such representations without detriment to
the interests of the agency.

Section 9
The specialised agencies, their assets, in-
come and other property shall be:
(a) Exempt from all direct taxes; it is un-
derstood, however, that the specialised agen-
cies will not claim exemption from taxes which
are, in fact, no mere than charges for public
utility services;
(b) Exempt from customs duties and pro-
hibitions and restrictions on imports and ex-
ports in respect of articles imported or ex-
ported by the specialised agencies for their
official use; it is understood, however, that
articles imported under such exemption will
not be sold in the country into which they
were imported except under conditions agreed
to with the Government of that country;
(c) Exempt from duties and prohibitions
and restrictions on imports and exports in re-
spect of their publications.

Section 10
While the specialised agencies will not, as a
general rule, claim exemption from excise
duties and from taxes on the sale of movable
and immovable property which forms part of
the price to be paid, nevertheless when the
specialised agencies are making important
purchases for official use of property on which
such duties and taxes have been charged or
are chargeable, States parties to this Conven-
tion will, whenever possible, make appropriate
administrative arrangements for the remission
or return of the amount of duty or tax.
Article IV

Facilities in respect of communications

Section 11

Each specialized agency shall enjoy, in the territory of each State party to this Convention in respect of that agency, for its official communications, treatment not less favourable than that accorded by the Government of each State to any other Government, including the latter’s diplomatic mission, in the matter of priorities, rates and taxes on mails, cables, telegrams, radiograms, telephotos, telephone and other communications, and press rates for information to the press and radio.

Section 12

No censorship shall be applied to the official correspondence and other official communications of the specialized agencies.

The specialized agencies shall have the right to use codes and to dispatch and receive correspondence by courier or in scaled bags, which shall have the same immunities and privileges as diplomatic couriers and bags.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the adoption of appropriate security precautions to be determined by agreement between a State party to this Convention and a specialized agency.

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 scaled bags;

(d) Exemption in respect of themselves and their spouses from immigration restrictions, aliens’ registration or national service obligations in the State which 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 complete 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 member 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 connexion 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 where 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 of 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 those 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 agencies 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 missions;

(e) Be given, together with their spouses and relatives dependent on them, the same repatriation facilities in time of international crises as officials of comparable rank of diplomatic missions;

(f) Have the right to import free of duty their furniture and effects at the time of first taking up their post in the country in question.

Section 20

The officials of the specialized agencies shall be exempt from national service obligations, provided that in relation to the States of which they are nationals, such exemption shall be confined to officials of the specialized agencies whose names have, by reason of their duties, been placed upon a list compiled by the executive head of the specialized agency and approved by the State concerned.

Should other officials of specialized agencies be called up for national service, the State concerned shall, at the request of the specialized agency concerned, grant such temporary deferments in the call-up of such officials as may be necessary to avoid interruption in the continuation of essential work.

Section 21

In addition to the immunities and privileges specified in sections 19 and 20, the executive head of each specialized agency, including any official acting on his behalf during his absence from duty, shall be accorded in respect of himself, his spouse and minor children, the privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities accorded to diplomatic envoys, in accordance with international law.

Section 22

Privileges and immunities are granted to officials in the interests of the specialized agencies only and not for personal benefit of the individuals themselves. Each specialized agency shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any official in any case where, in its opinion, the immunity would impede the course of justice and can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the agency.

Section 23

Each specialized agency shall co-operate at all times with the appropriate authorities of member States to facilitate the proper administration of justice, secure the observance of police regulations and prevent the occurrence of any abuses in connexion with the privileges, immunities and facilities mentioned in this article.

Article VII

ABUSES OF PRIVILEGE

Section 24

If any State party to this Convention considers that there has been an abuse of a priv-
Article VIII

LAISSEZ-PASSER

Section 25

Representatives of members at meetings convened by specialized agencies, while exercising their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, and officials within the meaning of section 18, shall not be required by the territorial authorities to leave the country in which they are performing their functions on account of any activities by them in their official capacity. In the case, however, of abuse of privileges or residence committed by any such person in activities in that country outside his official functions, he may be required to leave by the Government of that country provided that:

2. (I) Representatives of members, or persons who are entitled to diplomatic immunity under section 21, shall not be required to leave the country otherwise than in accordance with the diplomatic procedure applicable to diplomatic envoys accredited to that country.

(II) In the case of an official to whom section 21 is not applicable, no order to leave the country shall be issued other than with the approval of the Foreign Minister of the country in question, and such approval shall be given only after consultation with the executive head of the specialized agency concerned:

and, if expulsion proceedings are taken against an official, the executive head of the specialized agency shall have the right to appear in such proceedings on behalf of the person against whom they are instituted.

Section 26

Officials of the specialized agencies shall be entitled to use the United Nations laissez-passer in conformity with administrative arrangements to be concluded between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the competent authorities of the specialized agencies, to which agencies special powers to issue laissez-passer may be delegated. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall notify each State party to this Convention of each administrative arrangement so concluded.

Section 27

States parties to this Convention shall recognize and accept the United Nations laissez-passer issued to officials of the specialized agencies as valid travel documents.

Section 28

Applications for visas, where required, from officials of specialized agencies holding United Nations laissez-passer, when accompanied by a certificate that they are travelling on the business of a specialized agency, shall be dealt with as speedily as possible. In addition, such persons shall be granted facilities for speedy travel.

Section 29

Similar facilities to those specified in section 28 shall be accorded to experts and other persons who, though not the holders of United Nations laissez-passer, have a certificate that they are travelling on the business of a specialized agency.

Section 30

The executive heads, assistant executive heads, heads of departments and other officials of a rank not lower than head of department of the specialized agencies, travelling on United Nations laissez-passer on the business of the specialized agencies, shall be granted the same facilities for travel as are accorded to officials of comparable rank in diplomatic missions.
Article IX

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Section 31

Each specialized agency shall make provision for appropriate modes of settlement of:

(a) Disputes arising out of contracts or other disputes of private character to which the specialized agency is a party;

(b) Disputes involving any official of a specialized agency who by reason of his official position enjoys immunity, if immunity has not been waived in accordance with the provisions of section 22.

Section 32

All differences arising out of the interpretation or application of the present Convention shall be referred to the International Court of Justice unless in any case it is agreed by the parties to have recourse to another mode of settlement. If a difference arises between one of the specialized agencies on the one hand, and a member on the other hand, a request shall be made for an advisory opinion on any legal questions involved in accordance with Article 96 of the Charter and Article 65 of the Statute of the Court and the relevant provisions of the agreements concluded between the United Nations and the specialized agency concerned. The opinion given by the Court shall be accepted as decisive by the parties.

Article X

ANNEXES AND APPLICATION TO INDIVIDUAL SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Section 33

In their application to each specialized agency, the standard clauses shall operate subject to any modifications set forth in the final (or revised) text of the annex relating to that agency, as provided in sections 36 and 38.

Section 34

The provisions of the Convention in relation to any specialized agency must be interpreted in the light of the functions with which that agency is entrusted by its constitutional instrument.

Section 35

Draft annexes I to IX¹ are recommended to the specialized agencies named therein. In the case of any specialized agency not mentioned by name in section I, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit to the agency a draft annex recommended by the Economic and Social Council.

Section 36

The final text of each annex shall be that approved by the specialized agency in question in accordance with its constitutional procedure. A copy of the annex as approved by each specialized agency shall be transmitted by the agency in question to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and shall thereupon replace the draft referred to in section 35.

Section 37

The present Convention becomes applicable to each specialized agency when it has transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the final text of the relevant annex and has informed him that it accepts the standard clauses, as modified by this annex, and undertakes to give effect to sections 8, 10, 12, 23, 24, 31, 32, 42 and 45 (subject to any modification of section 32 which may be found necessary in order to make the final text of the annex consonant with the constitutional instrument of the agency) and any provisions of the annex placing obligations on the agency. The Secretary-General shall communicate to all Members of the United Nations and to other States members of the specialized agency certified copies of all annexes transmitted to him under this section and of revised annexes transmitted under section 38.

Section 38

If, after the transmission of a final annex under section 36, any specialized agency approves any amendments thereto in accordance with its constitutional procedure, a revised annex shall be transmitted by it to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

¹ For the text of the above-mentioned draft annexes, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Second Session, Resolutions, page 124 et seq.
Section 39

The provisions of this Convention shall in no way limit or prejudice the privileges and immunities which have been, or may hereafter be, accorded by any State to any specialized agency by reason of the location in the territory of that State of its headquarters or regional offices. This Convention shall not be deemed to prevent the conclusion between any State party thereto and any specialized agency of supplemental agreements adjusting the provisions of this Convention or extending or curtailing the privileges and immunities thereby granted.

Section 40

It is understood that the standard clauses, as modified by the final text of an annex sent by a specialized agency to the Secretary-General of the United Nations under section 36 (or any revised annex sent under section 38), will be consistent with the provisions of the constitutional instrument then in force of the agency in question, and that if any amendment to that instrument is necessary for the purpose of making the constitutional instrument so consistent, such amendment will have been brought into force in accordance with the constitutional procedure of that agency before the final (or revised) annex is transmitted.

The Convention shall not itself operate so as to abrogate, or derogate from, any provisions of the constitutional instrument of any specialized agency or any rights or obligations which the agency may otherwise have, acquire, or assume.

Article XI

FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 41

Accession to this Convention by a Member of the United Nations and (subject to section 42) by any State member of a specialized agency shall be effected by deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of an instrument of accession which shall take effect on the date of its deposit.

Section 42

Each specialized agency concerned shall communicate the text of this Convention together with the relevant annexes to those of its members which are not Members of the United Nations and shall invite them to accede thereto in respect of that agency by depositing an instrument of accession to this Convention in respect thereof either with the Secretary-General of the United Nations or with the executive head of the specialized agency.

Section 43

Each State party to this Convention shall indicate in its instrument of accession the specialized agency or agencies in respect of which it undertakes to apply the provisions of this Convention. Each State party to this Convention may by subsequent written notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations undertake to apply the provisions of this Convention to one or more further specialized agencies. This notification shall take effect on the date of its receipt by the Secretary-General.

Section 44

This Convention shall enter into force for each State party to this Convention in respect of a specialized agency when it has become applicable to that agency in accordance with section 37 and the State party has undertaken to apply the provisions of the Convention to that agency in accordance with section 43.

Section 45

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all Members of the United Nations, as well as all members of the specialized agencies, and executive heads of the specialized agencies, of the deposit of each instrument of accession received under section 41 and of subsequent notifications received under section 43. The executive head of a specialized agency shall inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the members of the agency concerned of the deposit of any instrument of accession deposited with him under section 42.

Section 46

It is understood that, when an instrument of accession or a subsequent notification is deposited on behalf of any State, this State will be in a position under its own law to give effect to the terms of this Convention, as modified by the final texts of any annexes.
relating to the agencies covered by such accessions or notifications.

Section 47

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this section, each State party to this Convention undertakes to apply this Convention in respect of each specialized agency covered by its accession or subsequent notification, until such time as a revised convention or annex shall have become applicable to that agency and the said State shall have accepted the revised convention or annex. In the case of a revised annex, the acceptance of States shall be by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, which shall take effect on the date of its receipt by the Secretary-General.

2. Each State party to this Convention, however, which is not, or has ceased to be, a member of a specialized agency, may address a written notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the executive head of the agency concerned to the effect that it intends to withdraw from that agency the benefits of this Convention as from a specified date, which shall not be earlier than three months from the date of receipt of the notification.

3. Each State party to this Convention may withhold the benefit of this Convention from any specialized agency which ceases to be in relationship with the United Nations.

4. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all member States parties to this Convention of any notification transmitted to him under the provisions of this section.

Section 48

At the request of one-third of the States parties to this Convention, the Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene a conference with a view to its revision.

Section 49

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit copies of this Convention to each specialized agency and to the Government of each Member of the United Nations.
FINAL TEXTS AND REVISED TEXTS OF THE ANNEXES
(as approved by the specialised agencies by 1 April 1976)

ANNEX I

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION

In their application to the International Labour Organisation the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following provisions:

1. Article V (other than paragraph (c) of section 13) and section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (I), of article VII shall extend to the employers' and workers' members and deputy members of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation and their substitutes, except that any waiver of the immunity of any such person member under section 16 shall be by the Governing Body.

2. The privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in section 21 of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to any Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Office and any Assistant Director-General of the International Labour Office.

3. (i) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organisation shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connection with service on such committees or missions:

(a) Immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

(b) In respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organisation;

(c) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;

(d) Inviolability of their papers and documents relating to the work on which they are engaged for the Organisation.

(ii) In connexion with (d) of 3 (i) above, the principle contained in the last sentence of section 12 of the standard clauses shall be applicable.

(iii) Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts of the Organisation in the interests of the Organisation and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organisation shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organisation.

ANNEX II

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

In their application to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter called "the Organization") the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following provisions:

1. Article V and section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (I) of article VII shall extend to the Chairman of the Council of the Organization, except that any waiver of the immunity of the Chairman under section 16 shall be by the Council of the Organization.

2. (i) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the
Organisation shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connexion with service on such committees or missions:

(a) Immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

(b) In respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organisation;

(c) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;

(d) Inviolability of their papers and documents relating to the work on which they are engaged for the Organisation.

(ii) In connexion with (d) of 2 (i) above, the principle contained in the last sentence of section 12 of the standard clauses shall be applicable.

(iii) Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts in the interests of the Organisation and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organisation shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organisation.

3. The privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in section 21 of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to any Deputy-Director-General of the Organisation (hereinafter called “the Organisation”) the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following provisions:

1. Article V and section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (i) of article VII shall extend to the Chairman of the Council of the Organisation and to the representatives of Associate Members, except that any waiver of the immunity of the Chairman under section 16 shall be by the Council of the Organisation.

2. (i) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organisation shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connexion with service on such committees or missions:

(a) immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

(b) in respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organisation;

(c) the same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;

(d) inviolability of their papers and documents relating to the work on which they are engaged for the Organisation.

(ii) In connection with (d) of 2 (i) above, the principle contained in the last sentence of section 12 of the standard clauses shall be applicable.

(iii) Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts in the interests of the Organisation and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organisation shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede...
the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization. 

3. The privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in section 21 of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to the Deputy Director-General of the Organization.

ANNEX II
(Second revised text)

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

In their application to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter called “the Organization”) the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following provisions:

1. Article V and section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (I) of article VII shall extend to the Chairman of the Council of the Organization and to the representative of Associate Members, except that any waiver of the immunity of the Chairman under section 16 shall be by the Council of the Organization.

2. (i) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connexion with service on such committees or missions:

(a) immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

(b) in respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity of legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organization;

(c) the same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign governments on temporary official missions;

(d) inviolability of their papers and documents relating to the work on which they are engaged for the Organization and, for the purpose of their communications with the Organization, the right to use codes and to receive papers or correspondence by courier or in sealed bags.

(ii) In connexion with (d) of 2 (i) above, the principle contained in the last sentence of section 12 of the standard clauses shall be applicable.

(iii) Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organization shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any experts in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.

3. The privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in section 21 of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to the Deputy Director-General and the Assistant Directors-General of the Organization.

ANNEX III

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

The standard clauses shall operate in respect to the International Civil Aviation Organization (hereinafter called “the Organization”) subject to the following provisions:

1. The privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in section 21 of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to the President of the Council of the Organization.

2. (i) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connexion with service on such committees or missions:

(a) Immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

(b) in respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity of legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organization;

(c) the same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign governments on temporary official missions.
(b) Immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organization;

(c) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;

(d) Inviolability of their papers and documents relating to the work on which they are engaged for the Organization.

(ii) In connexion with (d) of 2 (i) above, the principle contained in the last sentence of section 12 of the standard clauses shall be applicable.

(iii) Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts of the Organization in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organization shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.

ANNEX IV

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

The standard clauses shall operate in respect to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter called "the Organization") subject to the following provisions:

1. Article V and section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (i) of article VII shall extend to the President of the Conference and members of the Executive Board of the Organization, their substitutes and advisers, except that any waiver of the immunity of any such person of the Executive Board under section 26 shall be by the Executive Board.

2. The Deputy Director-General of the Organization, his spouse and minor children shall also enjoy the privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities accorded to diplomatic envoys in accordance with international law, which article VI, section 21, of the Convention ensures to the executive head of each specialized agency.

3. (i) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connexion with service on such committees or missions:

(a) Immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

(b) In respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organization;

(c) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;

(ii) Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts of the Organization in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organization shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.

ANNEX V

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

In its application to the International Monetary Fund (hereinafter called "the Fund"), the Convention (including this annex) shall operate subject to the following provisions:

1. Section 32 of the standard clauses shall only apply to differences arising out of the...
interpretation or application of privileges and immunities which are derived by the Fund solely from this Convention and are not included in those which it can claim under its Articles of Agreement or otherwise.

2. The provisions of the Convention (including this annex) do not modify or amend or require the modification or amendment of the Articles of Agreement of the Fund or impair or limit any of the rights, immunities, privileges or exemptions conferred upon the Fund or any of its members, Governors, Executive Directors, alternates, officers or employees by the Articles of Agreement of the Fund, or by any statute, law or regulation of any member of the Fund or any political subdivision of any such member, or otherwise.

ANNEX VI

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

In its application to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter called "the Bank"), the Convention (including this annex) shall operate subject to the following provisions:

1. The following shall be substituted for section 4:

"Actions may be brought against the Bank only in a court of competent jurisdiction in the territories of a member of the Bank in which the Bank has an office, has appointed an agent for the purpose of accepting service or notice of process, or has issued or guaranteed securities. No actions shall, however, be brought by members or persons acting for or deriving claims from members. The property and assets of the Bank shall, wherever located and by whomsoever held, be immune from all forms of seizure, attachment or execution before the delivery of final judgment against the Bank."

2. Section 32 of the standard clauses shall only apply to differences arising out of the interpretation or application of privileges and immunities which are derived by the Bank solely from this Convention and are not included in those which it can claim under its Articles of Agreement or otherwise.

3. The provisions of the Convention (including this annex) do not modify or amend or require the modification or amendment of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank or impair or limit any of the rights, immunities, privileges or exemptions conferred upon the Bank or any of its members, Governors, Executive Directors, alternates, officers or employees by the Articles of Agreement of the Bank, or by any statute, law or regulation of any member of the Bank or any political subdivision of any such member, or otherwise.

ANNEX VII

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

In their application to the World Health Organization (hereinafter called "the Organization") the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following modifications:

1. Article V and section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (if) of article VII shall extend to persons designated to serve on the Executive Board of the Organization, their alternates and advisers, except that any waiver of the immunity of any such persons under section 16 shall be by the Board.

2. (i) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as are necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connexion with service on such committees or missions:

(a) Immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

(b) In respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity of legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organization;

(c) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded

1 Authentic text received by the Secretary-General on 29 April 1949.

2 Authentic text received by the Secretary-General on 2 August 1946.
to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;

d) Inviolability for all papers and documents;

e) The right to use codes and to receive documents and correspondence by courier or in sealed dispatch bags for their communications with the World Health Organization.

(ii) Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts of the Organization in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organization shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.

ANNEX VII

(Revised text)

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

In their application to the World Health Organization (hereinafter called "the Organization") the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following modifications:

1. Article V and section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (I) of article VII shall extend to persons designated to serve on the Executive Board of the Organization, their alternates and advisers, except that any waiver of the immunity of such persons under section 16 shall be by the Executive Board.

2. (I) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connection with service on such committees or missions:

(a) Immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

(b) In respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organization;

c) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;

d) Inviolability for all papers and documents;

e) For the purpose of their communications with the Organization, the right to use codes and to receive papers or correspondence by courier or in sealed bags.

(ii) The privileges and immunities set forth in paragraphs (b) and (e) above shall be accorded to persons serving on Export Advisory Panels of the Organization in the exercise of their functions as such.

(iii) Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts of the Organization in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organization shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.

3. Article V and section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (I) of article VII shall extend to the representatives of associate members participating in the work of the Organization in accordance with articles 58 and 47 of the Constitution.

ANNEX VII

(Second revised text)

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

In their application to the World Health Organization (hereinafter called "the Organization") the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following modifications:

1. Article V and section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (1) of article VII shall extend to persons...
designated to serve on the Executive Board of the Organization, their alternates and advisers, except that any waiver of the immunity of such persons under section 16 shall be by the Executive Board.

2. (i) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connexion with service on such committees or missions:

(a) Immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

(b) In respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organization;

(c) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;

(d) Inviolability for all papers and documents;

(e) For the purposes of their communications with the Organization, the right to use codes and to receive papers or correspondence by courier or in sealed bags.

(ii) The privileges and immunities set forth in paragraphs (b) and (e) above shall be accorded to persons serving on Expert Advisory Panels of the Organization in the exercise of their functions as such.

(iii) Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts of the Organization in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organization shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.

3. Article V and section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (i) of article VII shall extend to the representatives of associate members participating in the work of the Organization in accordance with articles 8 and 47 of the Constitution.

4. The privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in section 21 of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to any Deputy Director-General of the Organization.

ANNEX VII

(Third revised text)

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

In their application to the World Health Organization (hereinafter called "the Organization") the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following modifications:

1. Article V and section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (f), of article VII shall extend to persons designated to serve on the Executive Board of the Organization, their alternates and advisers, except that any waiver of the immunity of any such persons under section 16 shall be by the Board.

2. (i) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connexion with service on such committees or missions:

(a) Immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

(b) In respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organization;

(c) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;

1 Authentic text received by the Secretary-General on 25 July 1954.
(d) Inviolability for all papers and documents;

(e) For the purpose of their communications with the Organization, the right to use codes and to receive papers or correspondence by courier or in sealed bags.

(ii) The privileges and immunities set forth in paragraphs (b) and (c) above shall be accorded to persons serving on Expert Advisory Panels of the Organization in the exercise of their functions as such.

(iii) Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts of the Organization in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organization shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.

3. Article V and section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (f), of article VII shall extend to the representatives of Associate Members participating in the work of the Organization in accordance with articles 8 and 47 of the Constitution.

4. The privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in section 21 of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to any Deputy Director-General, Assistant Director-General and Regional Director of the Organization.

ANNEX VIII

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

[Translation]

The standard clauses shall apply without modification.

ANNEX IX

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

The standard clauses shall apply without modification except that the International Telecommunication Union shall not claim for itself the enjoyment of privileged treatment with regard to the "Facilities in respect of communications" provided in article IV, section 11.

ANNEX X

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION

The standard clauses shall apply without modification.

ANNEX XI

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

The standard clauses shall apply without modification.

ANNEX XII

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION

1. The privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in article VI, section 21 of the standard clauses, shall be accorded to the Secretary-General of the Organization and to the Secretary of the Maritime Safety Committee, provided that the provisions of this paragraph shall not require the Member in whose territory the Organization has its Headquarters to apply article VI, section 21 of the standard clauses to any person who is its national.

2. (a) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including time spent on journeys in connexion with service on such committees or missions:

(i) immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal luggage:

1 Authentic French text received by the Secretary-General on 11 July 1949.
2 Authentic text received by the Secretary-General on 16 January 1951.
(ii) in respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organization;

(iii) the same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign governments on temporary official missions;

(iv) inviolability for all papers and documents relating to the work on which they are engaged for the Organization;

(v) the right to use codes and to receive documents and correspondence by courier or in sealed dispatch bags for their communications with the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization.

In connection with section 2 (a) (iv) and (v) above the principle contained in the last sentence of section 12 of the standard clauses shall be applicable.

(b) Privileges and immunities are granted to such experts in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organization shall have the right and duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where, in its opinion, the immunity would impede the course of justice and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.

ANNEX XII

(Revised text)

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION

1. The privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in article VI, section 21 of the standard clauses shall be accorded to the Secretary-General of the Organization, to the Deputy Secretary-General and to the Secretary of the Maritime Safety Committee, provided that the provisions of this paragraph shall not require the Member in whose territory the Organization has its Head-quarters to apply article VI, section 21 of the standard clauses to any person who is its national.

2. (a) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including time spent on journeys in connection with service on such committees or missions;

(i) immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

(ii) in respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organization;

(iii) the same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign governments on temporary official missions;

(iv) inviolability for all papers and documents relating to the work on which they are engaged for the Organization;

(v) the right to use codes and to receive documents and correspondence by courier or in sealed dispatch bags for their communications with the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization.

In connection with section 2 (a) (iv) and (v) above, the principle contained in the last sentence of section 12 of the standard clauses shall be applicable.

(b) Privileges and immunities are granted to such experts in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organization shall have the right and duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where, in its opinion, the immunity would impede the course of justice and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.

\(^1\) Amended text received by the Secretary-General on 9 July 1966.
ANNEX XIII

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

In its application to the International Finance Corporation (hereinafter called “the Corporation”) the Convention (including this annex) shall operate subject to the following provisions:

1. The following shall be substituted for Section 4:

“Actions may be brought against the Corporation only in a court of competent jurisdiction in the territories of a member in which the Corporation has an office, has appointed an agent for the purpose of accepting service or notice of process, or has issued or guaranteed securities. No actions shall, however, be brought by members or persons acting for or deriving claims from members. The property and assets of the Corporation shall, wherever located and by whomsoever held, be immune from all forms of seizure, attachment or execution before the delivery of final judgment against the Corporation.”

2. Paragraph (b) of section 7 of the standard clauses shall apply to the Corporation subject to article III, section 5 of the Articles of Agreement of the Corporation.

3. The Corporation in its discretion may waive any of the privileges and immunities conferred under article VI of its Articles of Agreement to such extent and upon such conditions as it may determine.

4. Section 32 of the standard clauses shall only apply to differences arising out of the interpretation or application of privileges and immunities which are derived by the Corporation from this Convention and are not included in those which it can claim under its Articles of Agreement or otherwise.

5. The provisions of the Convention (including this annex) do not modify or amend or require the modification or amendment of the Articles of Agreement of the Corporation or impair or limit any of the rights, immunities, privileges or exemptions conferred upon the Corporation or any of its members, governors, executive directors, alternates, officers or employees by the Articles of Agreement of the Corporation, or by any statute, law or regulation of any member of the Corporation or any political subdivision of any such member, or otherwise.

ANNEX XIV

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

In its application to the International Development Association (hereinafter called “the Association”) the Convention, including this annex, shall operate subject to the following provisions:

1. The following shall be substituted for section 4:

“Actions may be brought against the Association only in a court of competent jurisdiction in the territories of a member in which the Association has an office, has appointed an agent for the purpose of accepting service or notice of process, or has issued or guaranteed securities. No actions shall, however, be brought by members or persons acting for or deriving claims from members. The property and assets of the Association shall, wherever located and by whomsoever held, be immune from all forms of seizure, attachment or execution before the delivery of final judgment against the Association.”

2. Section 32 of the standard clauses only apply to differences arising out of the interpretation or application of immunities which are derived by the Association from this Convention and are not included in those which it can claim under its Articles of Agreement or otherwise.

3. The provisions of the Convention (including this annex) do not modify or amend or require the modification or amendment of the Articles of Agreement of the Association or impair or limit any of the rights, immunities, privileges or exemptions conferred upon the Association or any of its members, governors, executive directors, alternates, officers or employees by the Articles of Agreement of the Association, or by any statute, law or regulation of any member of the Association or any political subdivision of any such member, or otherwise.

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1 Authentic text received by the Secretary-General on 22 April 1960.

2 Authentic text received by the Secretary-General on 15 February 1962.
ANNEX XV

World Intellectual Property Organization

"In their application to the World Intellectual Property Organization (hereinafter called "the Organization"), the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following modifications:

"1. The privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in article VI, section 21, of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to the Deputy Directors General of the Organization.

"2. (a) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connexion with service on such committees or missions:

"(i) Immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

"(ii) In respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organization;

"(iii) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;

"(iv) Inviolability for all papers and documents relating to the work on which they are engaged for the Organization;

"(v) For their communications with the Organization, the right to use codes and to receive documents and correspondence by courier or in sealed dispatch bags.

In connexion with (iv) and (v) above, the principle contained in the last sentence of section 12 of the standard clauses shall be applicable.

"(b) Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts referred to in paragraph (a) above in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organization shall have the right and duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where, in its opinion, the immunity would impede the course of justice and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization."
In their application to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (hereinafter called "the Fund") the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following provisions:

1. The privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in section 21 of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to any Vice-President of the Fund.

2. (i) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for the Fund shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities as far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connection with service on such committees or missions:

   (a) immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

   (b) in respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Fund;

   (c) the same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign governments on temporary official missions;

   (d) inviolability of their papers and documents relating to the work on which they are engaged for the Fund and, for the purpose of their communications with the Fund, the right to use codes and to receive papers or correspondence by courier or in sealed bags.

   (ii) In connection with (d) of 2(i) above, the principle contained in the last sentence of section 12 of the standard clauses shall be applicable.

   (iii) Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts in the interests of the Fund and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Fund shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Fund.
ANNEX XVII

United Nations Industrial Development Organization

In their application to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (hereinafter called "the Organization") the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following modifications:

1. (a) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving as committees of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time on journeys in connection with service on such committees or missions:

(i) Immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage;

(ii) In respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the person concerned is no longer serving on committees of, or employed on mission for, the organization;

(iii) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;

(iv) Inviolability for all papers and documents;

(v) For their communications with the Organization, the right to use codes and to receive documents and correspondence by courier or in sealed bags;

(b) In connection with subparagraphs (iv) and (v) of paragraph 1(a) above, the principle contained in the last sentence of section 12 of the standard clauses shall be applicable;

(c) Privileges and immunities are granted to experts of the Organization in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organization shall have the right and duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization;

2. The privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in section 21 of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to any Deputy Director-General of the Organization.
ANNEX II

POINTS TO WHICH IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE ADVISABLE TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH A VIEW TO THE PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT ANNEX RELATIVE TO THE WTO

1. Privileges and immunities accorded to experts exercising functions on behalf of the Organization

- this matter is not dealt with in the Convention, but it is included in most annexes in force, whenever experts exercise functions on behalf of the Organization, which is the case in the WTO;

- the text is generally modelled on paragraph 3 of Annex I (ILO):

"(i) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connexion with service on such committees or missions:

"(a) Immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;

"(b) In respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind; such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Organisation;

"(c) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;

"(d) Inviolability of their papers and documents relating to the work on which they are engaged for the Organisation;

"(ii) In connexion with (d) of 3(i) above, the principle contained in the last sentence of section 12 of the standard clauses shall be applicable."
(iii) Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts of the Organisation in the interests of the Organisation and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organisation shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organisation."

2. Extension to the members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics and their alternates of the privileges and immunities accorded to experts

- although the members of the Committee can be considered, in the exercise of their functions, to be experts acting on behalf of the Organization, it would no doubt be useful to mention them expressly in a supplementary paragraph added to the provision modelled on the one reproduced above.

3. Extension to the Deputy Secretary-General of the privileges and immunities accorded to the Secretary-General:

- once again, this is almost a "stock clause" in the annexes applicable to the international organizations where a Deputy Secretary-General or Deputy Director-General plays an important role, which is the case in the WTO

- cf. paragraph 2 of annex I (ILO)

"The privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in section 21 of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to any Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Office and any Assistant Director-General of the International Labour Office."

4. Application of certain privileges and immunities to representatives of Associate and Affiliate Members:

- taking into account the peculiar composition of the Organization, it is undoubtedly indispensable to provide for specific stipulations with regard to representatives of Associate Members (Article 6 of the Statutes) on the one hand, and Affiliate Members (Article 5 of the Statutes) on the other hand¹; however, the problems that arise in each case are different;

- with regard to representatives of Associate Members, there seems to be no reason why they should not enjoy the same rights and privileges accorded to representatives of Full Members; the provisions of paragraph 1 of annex II, revised text, (FAO):

¹ The Legal Adviser is, of course, aware that these articles are being re-examined and could be modified. Nevertheless, in accordance with the express provisions of section 40 of the Convention, only the text currently in force of the Statutes may be taken into consideration in the drafting of the annex. The latter may, however, be modified without any particular difficulty to make it consistent with the revised text of the Statutes, once the amendments under consideration are adopted and come into force (cf. ibid.).
"Article V and Section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2(l) of Article VII shall extend ... to the representatives of Associate Members..."

- on the other hand, extending the same rights and privileges without restriction to the representatives of Affiliate Members could be debatable; it would certainly be possible to model provisions in this respect on those of paragraph 1 of annex I (ILO), which states:

"Article V (other than paragraph (c) of section 13) and section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2(l), of article VII shall extend to the employers' and workers' members and deputy members of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation and their substitutes, except that any waiver of the immunity of any such person member under section 16 shall be by the Governing Body". 