

any voluntary participation in a national social security scheme in accordance with the law of the Party to the Protocol concerned; neither does it oblige a Party to the Protocol to make payments of benefits under social security schemes to staff members who are exempt under the provisions of this paragraph.

4. The Parties to the Protocol shall not be obliged to accord to their nationals or permanent residents the privileges and immunities referred to in sub-paragraphs (b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of paragraph (1).

ARTICLE 8

Director General

1. In addition to the privileges and immunities provided for staff members under Article 7, the Director General shall enjoy:

- (a) immunity from arrest and detention;
- (b) immunity from civil and administrative jurisdiction and execution enjoyed by diplomatic agents, except in the case of damage caused by a motor vehicle or other means of transport belonging to or driven by him;
- (c) full immunity from criminal jurisdiction, except in the case of a traffic offence caused by a motor vehicle or other means of transport belonging to, or driven by him, subject to sub-paragraph (a) above.

2. The Parties to the Protocol shall not be obliged to accord to their nationals or permanent residents the immunities referred to in this Article.

ARTICLE 9

Representatives of Parties

1. Representatives of the Parties to the Protocol and representatives of the Headquarters Party shall enjoy, while exercising their official functions and in the course of their journeys to and from their place of meeting, the following privileges and immunities:

- (a) immunity from any form of arrest or detention pending trial;
- (b) immunity from jurisdiction, even after the termination of their mission, in respect of acts, including words spoken or written, done by them in the exercise of their official functions; however, there shall be no immunity in the case of a traffic offence committed by a representative, or in the case of damage caused by a motor vehicle or other means of transport belonging to or driven by him;
- (c) inviolability for all their official papers;
- (d) exemption, together with members of their families forming part of their respective households, from immigration restrictions and alien registration;