

ARTICLE II

*The Organization**Section 2*

The Organization shall possess juridical personality. It shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate, including the capacity:

- (a) to contract;
- (b) to acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property; and
- (c) to institute legal proceedings.

Section 3

The Organization, its property and its assets, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall enjoy the same immunity from suit and every form of judicial process as is enjoyed by foreign governments, except to the extent that the Organization may expressly waive this immunity for the purpose of any proceedings or by the terms of any contract. It is, however, understood that no waiver of immunity shall extend to any measure of execution.

Section 4

(1) The headquarters premises of the Organization shall be inviolable.

(2) The property and assets of the Organization, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be immune from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation and any other form of interference, whether by executive, administrative, judicial or legislative action, except with the consent of and under the conditions agreed to by the Secretary-General of the Organization. This section shall not prevent the reasonable application of fire protection regulations.

(3) The Organization shall, however, prevent the headquarters premises from becoming a refuge either for persons who are avoiding arrest or for persons who are endeavouring to avoid service or execution of legal process.

Section 5

The archives of the Organization, and in general all documents belonging to it or held by it, shall be inviolable wherever located.

Section 6

The Organization, its assets, income and property, owned or occupied in Canada, shall be:

- (a) exempt from all direct taxes; it is understood, however, that the Organization will not claim exemption from taxes which are, in fact, no more than charges for public utility services;
- (b) exempt from customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles imported or exported by the Organization for its official use; it is understood, however, that articles imported under such exemption will not be sold in Canada except under conditions agreed with the Government of Canada;
- (c) exempt from any prohibition or restriction on import, export or sale of its publications and exempt from customs duties and excise taxes in respect thereof.