

Annex 1

Privileges, immunities and practical arrangements in connection
with the hosting of the Preparatory Commission

1. The Government of the Netherlands is prepared to grant to the delegates to the Preparatory Commission, who have been notified as such by the sending State, and who reside in The Hague, privileges and immunities similar to those granted by the Government of the Netherlands to diplomats of comparable rank of diplomatic missions accredited to the Netherlands.

2. The Government of the Netherlands is prepared to apply Article V of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of 21 November 1947 to non-residing delegates to the Preparatory Commission while exercising their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting.

3. The Government of the Netherlands is prepared to grant to the Executive Secretary and staff members of the Preparatory Commission privileges and immunities similar to those which the Government of the Netherlands has undertaken to grant to the Director-General and staff members of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, as set out under Annex 3, "Privileges and Immunities", points 1, 2 and 3, "Social Security", point 13, and "Employment", points 14 and 15.

4. It is understood that the above will be elaborated in an agreement to be concluded with the Government of the Netherlands.

5. The practical arrangements for the hosting for the Preparatory Commission shall be based on the information submitted and commitments undertaken by the Netherlands and by the City of The Hague as contained in Annex 3 on the Netherlands bid, under "Building and Equipment".

The Organization and its representatives shall enjoy the relevant provisions of the Agreement. Pursuant to Annex 1, the Netherlands is prepared to extend diplomatic privileges to personnel with ranks comparable to A-2 and above in conformity with the scope of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of 21 November 1947 (United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1781/II).

1. Other staff members will enjoy:

(a) Immunity from legal proceedings of any kind with respect to words spoken or written and all acts performed by them in their official capacity;

(b) In any event, immunity shall not extend to a civil action by a third party for damage arising from an accident caused by a motor vehicle belonging to, driven by or operated on behalf of a staff member or in respect of a traffic offence involving such a vehicle;

(c) Inviolability of all their official papers and documents;