

ARTICLE 9**Interruption of Public Services**

In case of interruption or threatened interruption of public services, including communications and transportation, the Government will consider the needs of the Secretariat as being of equal importance with the similar needs of its essential agencies and attempt to ensure that the work of the Secretariat is not prejudiced.

ARTICLE 10**Privileges and Immunities for
Representatives of Parties to the Convention**

The representatives of Parties to the Convention attending the Conference of the Parties meetings, or meetings of the subsidiary bodies and other consultative meetings on programme implementation organized by the Secretariat shall, while discharging their duties in Canada and during their journeys to and from meetings, enjoy the following privileges and immunities:

- (a) immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of personal baggage, and immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts performed in their official capacity;
- (b) inviolability of all papers, documents and electronic media;
- (c) the right to use codes and to receive and send papers or correspondence by courier or in sealed bags;
- (d) exemption in respect of themselves and their spouses and members of their family forming part of their households from immigration restrictions, aliens registration or national service obligations;
- (e) the same facilities, in respect of currency or currency exchange restrictions as are accorded to diplomatic agents;
- (f) the same exemption from examination of personal baggage as accorded to diplomatic agents;
- (g) such other privileges, immunities and facilities not inconsistent with the foregoing as diplomatic envoys enjoy, except that they shall have no right to claim exemption from customs duties on goods imported, otherwise than as part of their personal baggage, or from excise duties or sales taxes.

ARTICLE 11**Privileges and Immunities of
Officials of the Secretariat**

1. The Officials of the Secretariat shall enjoy in Canada the following privileges and immunities:
 - (a) immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and any act performed in their official capacity;
 - (b) exemption from taxation on the salaries and emoluments paid to them by the Secretariat;