

(c) to institute legal proceedings.

2. The Agency and the Institute, their property and assets, wherever located and by whomever held, shall enjoy immunity from every form of legal process except insofar as in any particular case the Agency or the Institute has expressly waived its immunity.

3. (a) The premises of the Institute's headquarters shall be inviolable.

(b) The property and assets of the Institute, wherever located and by whomever 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 the Executive Director of the Institute.

(c) The local authorities may enter the premises of the Institute's headquarters in the event of a fire.

(d) The Institute shall not allow its headquarters to be used as a refuge for persons seeking to avoid arrest, or the service or execution of legal process.

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

5. Without being restricted by financial controls, regulations or moratoria of any kind, the Agency and the Institute may:

(a) hold funds or currency of any kind and operate accounts in any currency;

(b) transfer their funds or currency from one country to another or within Canada, and convert any currency held by them into any other currency.

In exercising their rights under this section, the Agency and the Institute shall pay due regard to any representations made by the Government of Canada, insofar as it is considered that effect can be given to such representations without detriment to their interests.

6. The Agency and the Institute, their assets, income and other property shall be:

(a) exempt from all direct taxes. However, the exemption shall not extend to taxes charged 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 Agency or the Institute for their official use. It is understood that articles imported under such exemption will not be sold in Canada except under conditions agreed with the Government of Canada;

(c) exempt from all import, export and sales prohibitions and restrictions, and from customs duties and excise, with respect to their publications, including their audio-visual material.