

*Section 4*

The premises of the Council shall be inviolable.

The property and assets of the Council, 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.

*Section 5*

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

*Section 6*

Without being restricted by financial controls, regulations or moratoria of any kind:

- (a) the Council may hold currency of any kind and operate accounts in any currency;
- (b) the Council may freely transfer its funds from one country to another or within any country and convert any currency held by it into any other currency.

*Section 7*

The Council shall, in exercising its rights under section 6 above, pay due regard to any representations made by any of its Members and shall give effect to such representations in so far as it considers that this can be done without detriment to the interests of the Council.

*Section 8*

The Council, its assets, income and other property shall be:

- (a) exempt from all direct taxes; it is understood, however, that the Council 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 by the Council for its official use; it is understood, however, that articles imported under such exemption will not be sold in the country into which they are imported, except under conditions agreed by the Government of that country;
- (c) exempt from all customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of its publications.

*Section 9*

While the Council will not, as a general rule, claim exemption from excise duties and from taxes on the sale of movable and immovable property which form part of the price to be paid, nevertheless when the Council is making important purchases for official use of property on which such duties and taxes have been charged or are chargeable, Members of the Council will, whenever possible, make appropriate administrative arrangements for the remission or return of the amount of duty or tax.