

ARTICLE V

Privileges and Immunities

1. The Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") will apply in respect of the Office.

2. For the purposes of Sections 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 of Article II of the Convention, the expressions "property", "assets", "archives" and "publications" shall include audio-visual materials owned by the United Nations or such materials in the custody of the Office. The immunity from censorship provided under Section 9 of the Convention shall extend to audio-visual materials in the custody of the Office. Incoming and outgoing audio-visual materials to and from the Office shall be exempt from all customs duties and quantitative restrictions. No delays shall be imposed on the entry or exit of such materials.

3. (a) The Secretary-General, on the advice of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and with the concurrence of the receiving state, shall designate the Head of the Information Office for North America as having the status of an official of the United Nations. The Head of the Office will have the privileges and immunities described in Section 18 of Article V of the Convention.

(b) The Secretary-General may also designate, in similar fashion during the course of this Agreement, appropriate additional professional members of the staff of the Office as having the status of experts on mission for the United Nations. These persons will have the privileges and immunities described in Section 22 of Article VI of the Convention.

4. All other members of the staff of the Office will have, in respect of their functions, the immunities described in Section 22(b) of the Convention. Such immunity, however, shall not apply in the case of traffic accidents.

5. In respect of paragraph 3 above, the provisions of paragraphs (b), (e) and (g) of Section 18 of Article V and paragraphs (a), (e) and (f) of Section 22 of Article VI of the Convention shall not apply to any Canadian citizen residing or ordinarily resident in Canada.

6. The Secretary-General shall communicate to the Government of Canada the list of staff members of the Office coming under paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above, to be updated as necessary.

7. In addition to the foregoing, other persons officially invited by the Office with the approval of the Centre, or who have official business with the Office, shall have their applications for any visa required by Canadian law dealt with as speedily as possible prior to entry. Where necessary, the United Nations will furnish such persons with a certificate, pursuant to Sections 25 and 26 of Article VII of the Convention, that they are travelling on the official business of the United Nations.