

their families, irrespective of nationality, to leave at the earliest possible moment. It must, in particular, in case of need, place at their disposal the necessary means of transport for themselves and their property.

4 *Communication and diplomatic bag*

The receiving State authorizes and protects free communication on the part of the mission for all official purposes. The mission may use all appropriate means, including diplomatic couriers and messages in code or cipher, for such communication. It may not, however, install or use a wireless transmitter without the consent of the receiving State.

The mission's official correspondence, that is to say, all correspondence relating to the mission and its functions, is inviolable. The diplomatic bag must not be opened or detained. The packages of which it is constituted must be clearly identified and may contain only diplomatic documents or articles intended for official use.

The diplomatic courier must carry an official document indicating his status and the number of parcels constituting the diplomatic bag. He is protected by the receiving State in the performance of his functions. In addition, he enjoys personal inviolability and is not liable to any form of arrest or detention.

5 *Miscellaneous privileges*

The sending country and its head of mission are exempt from all dues and taxes with respect to the mission premises of which they are owners provided such charges are not levied for particular services rendered. This exemption does not apply when the legislation of the receiving State assigns responsibility for payment to persons contracting with the sending State or the head of mission.

The diplomatic representative is exempt from all dues and taxes, personal or real, national, regional or local, except:

- (a) indirect taxes of a kind which are normally included in the prices of goods and services;
- (b) dues and taxes on private immovable property situated in the territory of the receiving State unless the diplomatic representative holds this property on behalf of the sending State and for the purposes of the mission;
- (c) estate, succession or inheritance duties levied by the receiving State, subject to certain exceptions;
- (d) dues and taxes on private income having its source in the