

ARTICLE 6

Communications Facilities

1. The Secretariat shall enjoy in Canada for its official communications, treatment not less favourable than that accorded by the Government of Canada to any other Government including diplomatic missions in matters of establishment and operation, priorities, tariffs, charges on mail and cablegrams and on teleprinter, facsimile, telephone and other communications, as well as rates for information to the press and radio. No censorship shall be applied to the official correspondence and other official communications of the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat shall have the right to use codes and to dispatch and receive its correspondence by courier or in bags, which shall have the same immunities and privileges as diplomatic couriers and bags.
3. The facilities provided for in this Article may, to the extent necessary for efficient operation, be established and operated outside the Premises of the Secretariat in the territory of Canada with the consent of the Government of Canada.

ARTICLE 7

Conference and Meeting Facilities

1. Meetings of the Conference of the Parties established under Article 23 of the Convention; meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technology Advice established under Article 25 thereof and such other Subsidiary bodies as the Conference of the Parties may establish may, at the decision of each of the bodies, be held at the seat of the Secretariat, or at any other venue in Canada.
2. The Government of Canada shall, when requested by the Secretariat, make every effort to facilitate the access of the Secretariat to conference and meeting facilities available in Canada, particularly those facilities belonging to institutions with which the Government has headquarters agreements.

ARTICLE 8

Access to the Premises of the Secretariat

1. The competent Canadian authorities shall not impose any impediments to transit to or from the Premises of the Secretariat of representatives of Parties to the Convention, observers, experts on missions, or other persons invited by the Secretariat thereto on official business.
2. Visas, where required, for persons referred to in paragraph 1, shall be issued by the Government free of charge and as promptly as possible.
3. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall also apply, as appropriate, to the spouses and relatives dependent on the persons referred to in those paragraphs.
4. Except as provided above and in the relevant provisions of this Agreement, the Government retains full control and authority over the entry of persons or property into the territory of Canada and the conditions under which persons may remain or reside therein.