

ARTICLE IX
THE SECRETARIAT

Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Executive Director of the Secretariat, or, in a case involving the immunities of the Executive Director, by the Council, officials and the Executive Director of the Secretariat shall have the privileges and immunities set out in Section 18 of Article V of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. They shall in particular:

1. (a) be immune from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts performed by them in their official capacity;
 - (b) be exempt from taxation on the salaries and emoluments paid to them by the Commission;
 - (c) be immune from national service obligations;
 - (d) be immune, together with their spouses and members of their families forming part of their households, from immigration restrictions and alien registration;
 - (e) be accorded the same privileges in respect to exchange facilities as are accorded to officials of comparable ranks forming part of diplomatic missions in Canada;
 - (f) have the right to import free of duty their furniture and effects, including motor vehicles but excluding alcoholic beverages and tobacco products, at the time of first taking up their post in Canada.
2. The immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in their capacity as officials or Executive Director of the Secretariat shall continue to be accorded, notwithstanding that the person concerned is no longer an official or the Executive Director of the Secretariat.