

AGREEMENT ON THE STATUS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION, NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND INTERNATIONAL STAFF

The States signatory to the present Agreement,

Considering that for the exercise of their functions and the fulfilment of their purposes it is necessary that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, its international staff and the representatives of Member States attending meetings thereof should have the status set out hereunder,

Have agreed as follows:

Part I.—General

ARTICLE 1

In the present Agreement,

- (a) "the Organisation" means the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation consisting of the Council and its subsidiary bodies;
- (b) "the Council" means the Council established under Article 9 of the North Atlantic Treaty and the Council Deputies;
- (c) "subsidiary bodies" means any organ, committee or service established by the Council or under its authority, except those to which, in accordance with Article 2, this Agreement does not apply;
- (d) "Chairman of the Council Deputies" includes, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman acting for him.

ARTICLE 2

The present Agreement shall not apply to any military headquarters established in pursuance of the North Atlantic Treaty nor, unless the Council decides otherwise, to any other military bodies.

ARTICLE 3

The Organisation and Member States shall co-operate at all times to facilitate the proper administration of justice, secure the observance of police regulations and prevent the occurrence of any abuse in connexion with the immunities and privileges set out in the present Agreement. If any Member State considers that there has been an abuse of any immunity or privilege conferred by this Agreement, consultations shall be held between that State and the Organisation, or between the States concerned, to determine whether any such abuse has occurred, and, if so, to attempt to ensure that no repetition occurs. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provisions of this Agreement, a Member State which considers that any person has abused his privilege of residence or any other privilege or immunity granted to him under this Agreement may require him to leave its territory.

Part II.—The Organisation

ARTICLE 4

The Organisation shall possess juridical personality; it shall have the capacity to conclude contracts, to acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property and to institute legal proceedings.