

- (b) **"Executive Secretary"** means the Official of the Secretariat who is the Head of the Secretariat, in conformity with decision 1/4 of the Conference of the Parties contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/1/17;
- (c) **"Experts on missions"** means persons, other than Officials of the Secretariat, performing missions at the request of and on behalf of the Secretariat;
- (d) **"General Convention"** means the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946, to which Canada is a Party;
- (e) **"Government"** means the Government of Canada;
- (f) **"Premises of the Secretariat"** means the buildings or part of buildings occupied permanently or temporarily by the Secretariat or by meetings convened in Canada by the Secretariat;
- (g) **"Officials of the Secretariat"** means United Nations officials assigned to service the Secretariat, irrespective of nationality, with the exception of those who are recruited locally and assigned to hourly rates;
- (h) **"Parties to the Convention"** means States and regional economic integration organizations under Article 33 of the Convention that are parties to the Convention;
- (i) **"Representatives of Parties to the Convention"** means persons charged by a state with the duty to act on its behalf on matters related to the Convention;
- (j) **"Secretariat"** means the secretariat established by Article 24 of the Convention.

## ARTICLE 2

### Juridical Personality and Legal Capacity

1. The Secretariat shall possess juridical personality in Canada. It shall have the capacity to:
  - (a) contract;
  - (b) acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property; and
  - (c) institute legal proceedings.
2. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Secretariat shall be represented by the Executive Secretary.

## ARTICLE 3

### Inviolability of the Premises of the Secretariat and Archives

1. The Premises of the Secretariat shall be inviolable. The competent Government authorities shall not enter the Premises of the Secretariat to perform official duties except with the consent of, and under conditions agreed to, by the Executive Secretary or, in his or her absence, by a senior official of the Secretariat acting on his behalf. These provisions shall not prevent the reasonable application of fire or safety regulations.