

head of mission. The premises of the mission and the residence of a Permanent Representative, together with the furnishings and other property thereon, and the means of transport of the mission, shall be immune from search, requisition, attachment and execution.

#### Article 16 Exemption from taxation

Where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, periods during which a Permanent Representative or Representative is present in Canada for the discharge of his duties shall not be considered as periods of residence.

#### Article 17 Purpose of privileges and immunities

(1) Privileges and immunities are accorded to Permanent Representatives, Representatives, administrative staff, service staff, and private servants of members of the mission, not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves, but in order to safeguard the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the Organization. Consequently, a Member State not only has the right, but is under a duty to waive the immunity of such persons in any case where, in the opinion of the Member State, the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the purpose for which the immunity is accorded.

(2) Without prejudice to their privileges and immunities, it is the duty of all persons enjoying such privileges and immunities to respect the laws and regulations of Canada. They also have a duty not to interfere in the internal affairs of Canada.

#### Article 18 Notification of designation

No person shall be entitled to the privileges and immunities accorded under Articles 12, 14, and 16 unless and until the name and status of such person shall have been duly notified to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

### OFFICIALS OF THE ORGANIZATION

#### Article 19 Senior officials

(1) The President of the Council and the Secretary General of the Organization shall be accorded, in respect of themselves, and members of their families forming part of their households, the same privileges and immunities, subject to corresponding conditions and obligations, as are enjoyed by diplomatic agents in Canada.

(2) The Deputy Secretary General, the Assistant Secretaries General, and officers of equivalent rank shall be accorded, in respect of themselves, and members of their families forming part of their households, the same privileges and immunities, subject to corresponding conditions and obligations, as are enjoyed by diplomatic agents and their families in Canada.

(3) In addition, officials belonging to senior categories designated by the Secretary General and accepted by the Government of Canada shall be accorded in respect of themselves