

(3) The property and assets of the Organization, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be immune from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation and any other form of interference, whether by executive, administrative, judicial, or legislative action, except with the consent of and under the conditions agreed to by the Secretary General of the Organization. This section shall not prevent the reasonable application of fire protection regulations.

(4) The Organization shall, however, prevent the headquarters premises from becoming a refuge either for persons who are avoiding arrest or for persons who are endeavouring to avoid service or execution of legal process.

Article 5 Inviolability of archives

The archives and documents of the Organization shall be inviolable at any time wherever they may be.

Article 6 Exemption from taxes and duties

The Organization, its assets, income and property, owned or occupied in Canada, shall be:

- (a) exempt from all direct taxes other than charges for public utility services;
- (b) exempt from customs duties, taxes and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles imported or exported by the Organization in furtherance of its functions; articles imported under such exemption will not be sold or disposed of in Canada except under conditions agreed to by the Government of Canada;
- (c) exempt from any prohibition or restriction on import, export or sale of its publications, and exempt from customs duties and excise taxes in respect thereof.

Article 7 Exemption from customs duties and taxes on goods and services

When goods are purchased under appropriate certificates from manufacturers or wholesalers who are licenced under the Excise Tax Act, the Organization shall be eligible to claim for the remission or refund of the Excise tax and/or the Consumption or Sales tax or any other tax for services and goods imported or purchased in Canada in furtherance of its functions provided, however, that any article which is exempted from these taxes, other than publications of the Organization, shall be subject thereto at existing rates if sold or otherwise disposed of within a period of one year from the date of purchase, and the vendor shall be liable for such tax.

Article 8 Right to hold and transfer funds

The Organization may hold funds, gold or currency, of any kind and operate accounts in any currency and it shall be free to transfer its funds, gold or currency, from one country to another or within Canada and to convert any currency held by it into any other currency. The Organization, in exercising the rights provided in this Article, shall pay due regard to any representations made by the Government of Canada insofar as