

the receiving State* may require that the size of a mission be kept within limits considered by it to be reasonable and normal, having regard to circumstances and conditions in the receiving State and to the needs of the particular mission.

A country may not establish offices forming part of the mission in localities other than that in which it is established, without the prior express consent of the receiving State.

The mission and its head have the right to use the flag and the emblem of their country on the premises of the mission, including the official residence, and on the means of transport used by the head of the mission.

The premises of the mission are inviolable. Agents of the receiving State may not enter them without the consent of the head of the mission. The receiving State is under a special duty to take all necessary steps to ensure the protection, peace and dignity of the mission. The receiving State must accord full facilities for the performance of the functions of the mission. The premises of the mission, their furnishings and other property thereon and the means of transport of the mission are immune from search, requisition, attachment or execution. The archives and documents of the mission are inviolable at all times and wherever they may be.

All official business with the receiving State which is entrusted to the mission by the country it represents must be conducted with or through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the receiving State or such other ministry as may be agreed on. The premises of the mission must not be used in any manner incompatible with the functions of the mission as laid down in the Convention, by other rules of general international law or by any special agreements in force between the sending and the receiving State.

If diplomatic relations are broken off between two States, or if a mission is permanently or temporarily recalled:

- (a) the receiving State must, even in the case of armed conflict, respect and protect the premises of the mission, together with its property and archives;
- (b) the sending State may entrust the custody of the premises of the mission, together with its property and archives, to a third State acceptable to the receiving State;
- (c) the sending State may entrust the protection of its interests and those of its nationals to a third State acceptable to the receiving State.

* The "receiving State" is the country in which the mission is located. The "sending State" is the one that is represented.