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1. This Order may be cited as the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (United Nations and International Court of Justice) Order.

PART I

THE UNITED NATIONS

A. *The Organisation*

2. The United Nations set up by the Charter signed at San Francisco on 26th June 1945 is an organisation of which the Government of the Republic of Singapore and the governments of foreign sovereign Powers are members.

3. The United Nations shall have the legal capacity of a body corporate and, except in so far as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity, immunity from suit and legal process. No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution.

4. The United Nations shall have the like inviolability of official archives and premises occupied as offices as is accorded in respect of official archives and premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign Power accredited to the Republic of Singapore.

5. The United Nations shall have the like exemption or relief from taxes and rates, other than taxes on the importation of goods, as is accorded to a foreign sovereign Power.

6. The United Nations shall have exemption from taxes on the importation of goods directly imported by the organisation for its official use in Singapore or for exportation, or on the importation of any of the publications of the organisation directly imported by it, such exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Director-General of Customs and Excise may prescribe for the protection of the revenue.

7. The United Nations shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on the importation and exportation in the case of goods directly imported or exported by the organisation for its official use and in the case of any publications of the organisation directly imported or exported by it.

8. The United Nations shall have the right to avail itself, for telegraphic communications sent by it and containing only matter intended for publication by the press or for broadcasting (including communications addressed to or despatched from places outside Singapore) of any reduced rates applicable for the corresponding service in the case of press telegrams.

B. *Representatives of Members*

9. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the member governments whom they represent, representatives of member governments to the General Assembly or to any Council or other organ of the United Nations shall enjoy —