

International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) Order

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1. This Order may be cited as the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) Order.

A. THE ORGANISATION

2. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (referred to in this Order as the Organisation) is an organisation of which the Government of the Republic of Singapore and the governments of foreign sovereign Powers are members.

3. The Organisation shall have the legal capacities 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 Organisation 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 Organisation 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 Organisation 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 Organisation shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on the importation or 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 Organisation 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: THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ORGANISATION

9.—(1) Except in so far as any privilege or immunity is waived, in the case of representatives of member governments, by the governments whom they represent; in the case of the President of the Conference, by the Organisation; and in the case of members of the Executive Board, by the Executive Board of the Organisation; representatives of member governments, the President of the Conference of the Organisation, and members of the Executive Board of the Organisation shall enjoy —

- (a) while exercising their functions as such, and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability for all papers and documents;
- (b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in their capacity as representatives;