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**UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS, ALBANIA, BULGARIA, HUNGARY,
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, POLAND,
ROMANIA and CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

**Convention concerning the juridical personality, privileges
and immunities of the Council for Mutual Economic
Assistance. Signed at Sofia, on 14 December 1959**

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**UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES
SOVIÉTIQUES, ALBANIE, BULGARIE, HONGRIE,
RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE ALLEMANDE,
POLOGNE,
ROUMANIE et TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE**

**Convention concernant la personnalité juridique, les privi-
lèges et les immunités du Conseil d'entraide écono-
mique. Signée à Sofia, le 14 décembre 1959**

Texte officiel russe.

Enregistrée par l'Union des Républiques socialistes soviétiques le 14 juillet 1960.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 5244. CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN ALBANIA, BULGARIA, HUNGARY, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, POLAND, ROMANIA, THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONCERNING THE JURIDICAL PERSONALITY, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. SIGNED AT SOFIA, ON 14 DECEMBER 1959

The Governments of the People's Republic of Albania, the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Hungarian People's Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Polish People's Republic, the Romanian People's Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Czechoslovak Republic,

Having regard to article XIII of the Charter of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance² which provides :

That the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance shall enjoy, on the territories of all member countries of the Council, the legal capacity essential to the performance of its functions and the achievement of its purposes;

That the Council, as also the representatives of the member countries of the Council and the officers of the Council, shall enjoy, on the territory of each of those countries, the privileges and immunities which are necessary for the performance of the functions and the achievement of the purposes set forth in the said Charter;

That the legal capacity, privileges and immunities mentioned shall be defined in a special Convention;

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

JURIDICAL PERSONALITY

The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance shall possess juridical personality and shall have the capacity

- (a) To enter into agreements;
- (b) To acquire, lease and alienate property;
- (c) To appear in court.

¹ Came into force on 13 April 1960, the date of deposit with the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of the instruments of ratification by all member countries of the Council which had signed the Convention, in accordance with article VI.

² See p. 253 of this volume,

Article II

PROPERTY, ASSETS AND DOCUMENTS

1. The premises of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance shall be inviolable. Its property, assets and documents, wherever located, shall enjoy immunity from every form of administrative and legal process except in so far as in any particular case the Council has waived its immunity.

2. The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance shall be exempt from all direct taxes and duties levied either by State or by local authorities. This exemption shall not apply to charges for public utility and similar services.

3. The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance shall be exempt from customs duties and restrictions on imports or exports of articles intended for official use.

Article III

PRIVILEGES IN RESPECT OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance shall enjoy, in the territories of each member country of the Council, treatment not less favourable than that enjoyed by diplomatic missions in that country in the matter of priorities, rates and taxes on post, cable and telephone communications.

Article IV

REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE COUNCIL

1. Representatives of member countries of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance to organs of the Council and to conferences convened under the auspices of the Council shall while exercising their official functions be accorded in the territory of each member country of the Council the following privileges and immunities :

(a) Immunity from personal arrest or detention and from the jurisdiction of judicial institutions in respect of any acts done by them in their capacity as representatives;

(b) Inviolability for all papers and documents;

(c) The same customs facilities in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to members of comparable rank of diplomatic missions in the country concerned;

(d) Exemption from national service obligations and from direct taxes and duties on salaries paid to them by the countries which appointed them.