

## Article 7

**Functions of the permanent observer mission**

The functions of the permanent observer mission consist *inter alia* in:

- (a) ensuring the representation of the sending State and safeguarding its interests in relation to the Organization and maintaining liaison with it;
- (b) ascertaining activities in the Organization and reporting thereon to the Government of the sending State;
- (c) promoting co-operation with the Organization and negotiating with it.

## Article 8

**Multiple accreditation or appointment**

1. The sending State may accredit the same person as head of mission to two or more international organizations or appoint a head of mission as a member of the diplomatic staff of another of its missions.
2. The sending State may accredit a member of the diplomatic staff of the mission as head of mission to other international organizations or appoint a member of the staff of the mission as a member of the staff of another of its missions.
3. Two or more States may accredit the same person as head of mission to the same international organization.

## Article 9

**Appointment of the members of the mission**

Subject to the provisions of articles 14 and 73, the sending State may freely appoint the members of the mission.

## Article 10

**Credentials of the head of mission**

The credentials of the head of mission shall be issued by the Head of State, by the Head of Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, if the rules of the Organization so permit, by another competent authority of the sending State and shall be transmitted to the Organization.

## Article 11

**Accreditation to organs of the Organization**

1. A member State may specify in the credentials issued to its permanent representative that he is authorized to act as a delegate to one or more organs of the Organization.
2. Unless a member State provides otherwise its permanent representative may act as a delegate to organs of the Organization for which there are no special requirements as regards representation.
3. An non-member State may specify in the credentials issued to its permanent observer that he is authorized to act as an observer delegate to one or more organs of the Organization when this is permitted by the rules of the Organization or the organ concerned.

## Article 12

**Full powers for the conclusion of a treaty with the Organization**

1. The head of mission, by virtue of his functions and without having to produce full powers, is considered as representing his State for the purpose of adopting the text of a treaty between that State and the Organization.
2. The head of mission is not considered by virtue of his functions as representing his State for the purpose of signing a treaty, or signing a treaty *ad referendum*, between that State and the Organization unless it appears from the practice of the Organization, or from other circumstances, that the intention of the parties was to dispense with full powers.

## Article 13

**Composition of the mission**

In addition to the head of mission, the mission may include diplomatic staff, administrative and technical staff and service staff.

## Article 14

**Size of the mission**

The size of the mission shall not exceed what is reasonable and normal, having regard to the functions of the Organization, the needs of the particular mission and the circumstances and conditions in the host State.

## Article 15

**Notifications**

1. The sending State shall notify the Organization of:
  - (a) the appointment, position, title and order of precedence of the members of the mission, their arrival, their final departure or the termination of their functions with the mission, and any other changes affecting their status that may occur in the course of their service with the mission;
  - (b) the arrival and final departure of any person belonging to the family of a member of the mission and forming part of his household and, where appropriate, the fact that a person becomes or ceases to be such a member of the family;
  - (c) the arrival and final departure of persons employed on the private staff of members of the mission and the \* termination of their employment as such;
  - (d) the beginning and the termination of the employment of persons resident in the host State as members of the staff of the mission or as persons employed on the private staff;
  - (e) the location of the premises of the mission and of the private residences enjoying inviolability under articles 23 and 29, as well as any other information that may be necessary to identify such premises and residences.
2. Where possible, prior notification of arrival and final departure shall also be given.
3. The Organization shall transmit to the host State the notifications referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article.
4. The sending State may also transmit to the host State the notifications referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article.

## Article 16

**Acting head of mission**

If the post of head of mission is vacant, or if the head of mission is unable to perform his functions, the sending State may appoint an acting head of mission whose name shall be notified to the Organization and by it to the host State.

## Article 17

**Precedence**

1. Precedence among permanent representatives shall be determined by the alphabetical order of the names of the States used in the Organization.
2. Precedence among permanent observers shall be determined by the alphabetical order of the names of the States used in the Organization.

## Article 18

**Location of the mission**

Missions should be established in the locality where the Organization has its seat. However, if the rules of the Organization so permit and with the prior consent of the host State, the sending State may establish a mission or an office of a