

to the States of which they are nationals, such exemption shall be confined to officials of the Agency whose names have, by reason of their duties, been placed upon a list compiled by the Director General of the Agency and approved by the State concerned.

Should other officials of the Agency be called up for national service, the State concerned shall, at the request of the Agency, grant such temporary deferments in the call-up of such officials as may be necessary to avoid interruption in the continuation of essential work.

Section 20. In addition to the privileges and immunities specified in sections 18 and 19 above, the Director General of the Agency, including any official acting on his behalf during his absence from duty, shall be accorded on behalf of himself, his spouse and minor children, the privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities accorded to diplomatic envoys on behalf of themselves, their spouses and minor children, in accordance with international law. The same privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities shall also be accorded to a Deputy Director General or official of equivalent rank of the Agency.

Section 21. Privileges and immunities are granted to officials in the interest of the Agency only and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Agency shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any official in any case where, in its opinion, the immunity would impede the course of justice and can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Agency.

Section 22. The Agency shall co-operate at all times with the appropriate authorities of Member States to facilitate the proper administration of justice, secure the observance of police regulations and prevent the occurrence of any abuses in connexion with the privileges, immunities and facilities mentioned in this Article.

ARTICLE VII

Experts on Missions for the Agency

Section 23. Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of Article VI) serving on committees of the Agency or performing missions for the Agency, including missions as inspectors under Article XII of the Statute of the Agency and as project examiners under Article XI thereof, shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connexion with service on such committees or missions:

- (a) Immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage;
- (b) In respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on committees of, or employed on missions for, the Agency;
- (c) Inviolability for all papers and documents;
- (d) For the purposes of their communications with the Agency, the right to use codes and to receive papers or correspondence by courier or in sealed bags;
- (e) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions as are accorded to representatives of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;
- (f) The same immunities and facilities in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to members of comparable rank of diplomatic missions.

Section 24. Nothing in sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) of section 23 shall be construed to preclude the adoption of appropriate security precautions to be determined by agreement between a State party to this Agreement and the Agency.

Section 25. Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts of the Agency in the interests of the Agency and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Agency shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where, in its opinion, the immunity would impede the course of justice and can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Agency.

ARTICLE VIII

Abuses of Privilege

Section 26. If any State party to this Agreement considers that there has been an abuse of a privilege or immunity conferred by this Agreement, consultations shall be held between that State and the Agency to determine whether any such abuse has occurred and, if so, to attempt to ensure that no repetition occurs. If such consultations fail to achieve a result satisfactory to the State and the Agency, the question whether an abuse of a privilege or immunity has occurred shall be settled by a procedure in accordance with section 34. If it is found that such an abuse has occurred, the State party to this Agreement affected by such abuse has the right, after notification to the Agency, to withhold from the Agency the benefits of the privilege or immunity so abused. However, the withholding of privileges or immunities must not interfere with the Agency's principal activities or prevent the Agency from performing its principal functions.

Section 27. Representatives of Members at meetings convened by the Agency, while exercising their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, and officials within the meaning of section 1(v), shall not be required by the territorial authorities to leave the country in which they are performing their functions on account of any activities by them in their official capacity. In the case, however, of abuse of privileges of residence committed by any such person in activities in that country outside his official functions, he may be required to leave by the Government of that country, provided that:

- (a) Representatives of Members, or persons who are entitled to the immunities provided in section 20, shall not be required to leave the country otherwise than in accordance with the diplomatic procedure applicable to diplomatic envoys accredited to that country;
- (b) In the case of an official to whom section 20 is not applicable, no order to leave the country shall be issued by the territorial authorities other than with the approval of the Foreign Minister of the country in question, and such approval shall be given only after consultation with the Director General of the Agency; and, if expulsion proceedings are taken against an official, the Director General of the Agency shall have the right to appear in such proceedings on behalf of the person against whom they are instituted.

ARTICLE IX

Laissez-passer

Section 28. Officials of the Agency shall be entitled to use the United Nations laissez-passer in conformity with administrative arrangements concluded between the Director General of the Agency and the Secretary-General of the