

A/RES/545(XVII)

**Acceptance of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the
Specialized Agencies**

Agenda item 24
(documents A/17/24 and A/17/24 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General and of the annexed documents on the acceptance of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations of 21 November 1947,

Recalling that the General Assembly, at its sixteenth session, approved the draft Annex to the Convention that had been submitted to it,

1. Notes that the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations was unable to consider the approved draft annex at its last session;
2. Takes note that, in accordance with decision 14(LXXX), the Secretary-General has prepared, with the assistance of the Legal Adviser, a new draft annex that has received the favourable opinion of the Legal Counsel, the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations;
3. Acknowledges that this draft annex has received the agreement of a large majority of the Members that transmitted their comments on this subject to the Secretary-General;
4. Notes further that Japan has submitted a new annex proposal that goes in the direction of seeking a consensus; and that this new draft has not drawn any objection on the part of the Legal Counsel of the United Nations.
5. Approves the draft Annex to the Convention reproduced in the annex to the present resolution;

Noting, furthermore, that this acceptance will not affect the regime of privileges and immunities provided for by the agreements already concluded between the Organization and its host country, Spain,

6. Asks the Secretary-General to carry out the necessary formalities for the final acceptance of the standard clauses of the Convention and its Annex, in cooperation with the Legal Counsel of the United Nations;
7. Entrusts the Executive Council with authorizing the Secretary-General on its behalf to give final approval to the text of the Annex after its formal adoption by the United Nations Economic and Social Council, if it is approved without modification by the latter; and

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it regarding the completion of such formalities at its next session.
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A N N E X

Annex

World Tourism Organization

In their application to the World Tourism Organization (hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”), the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following modifications:

1. Article V and Section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (I) of Article VII of the Convention shall extend to the representatives of Associate Members participating in the work of the Organization in accordance with the Statutes of the World Tourism Organization (hereinafter referred to as “the Statutes”).
2. Representatives of Affiliate Members, participating in the activities of the Organization in accordance with the Statutes shall be granted:
 - (a) All facilities in order to safeguard the independent exercise of their official functions;
 - (b) Maximum expeditiousness in the processing of their applications for visas, where required and when accompanied by a certificate that they are traveling on the business of the Organization. In addition, such persons shall be granted facilities for speedy travel;
 - (c) In connection with sub-paragraph (b) above, the principle contained in the last sentence of Section 12 of the standard clauses shall apply;
3. Experts, other than officials coming within the scope of Article VI of the Convention, serving on organs and bodies of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent and effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connection with service on organs and bodies or missions. In particular they shall be accorded:
 - (a) Immunity from personal arrest or 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 organs and bodies of, or employed on mission for, the Organization;
 - (c) Inviolability for all papers and documents relating to the work on which they are engaged for the Organization;
 - (d) For the purpose of their communications with the Organization, 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 and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions.
4. Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Secretary-General of the Organization shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where, in his/her opinion, the immunity would impede the course of justice and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.
5. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, paragraphs 3 and 4 above shall apply to representatives of Affiliate members performing missions for the Organization as experts.
6. The privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in section 21 of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to the Deputy Secretary-General of the Organization, his/her spouse and minor children.

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Procedure for the appointment of the Deputy Secretary-General

Agenda Item 25
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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 512(XVI) whereby, among other things, it requested the Executive Council to study the matter of the procedure for the appointment of the Deputy Secretary-General,