35/212. Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the statement by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in annex I to its annual overview report for 1979/80,

Mindful of Article 100 of the Charter of the United Nations, under which each Member State has undertaken to respect the exclusively international character of responsibilities of the Secretary-General and the staff and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities,

Mindful also that under the same Article of the Charter the Secretary-General and the staff shall not, in the performance of their duties, seek or receive instructions from any Government or from any other authority external to the Organization,

Reaffirming the relevant Staff Regulations of the United Nations,

Aware of the absolute necessity that staff members be enabled to discharge their tasks as assigned to them by the Secretary-General without interference on the part of any Member State or any other authority external to the Organization,

Recalling that, under Article 105 of the Charter, officials of the Organization shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Member States such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connexion with the Organization, which is indispensable for the proper discharge of their duties,

Realizing that staff members of the specialized agencies enjoy similar privileges and immunities,


Concerned about reports alleging that the privileges and immunities of officials of these organizations have been encroached upon,


2. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system with the request to furnish information on cases in which there are clear indications that the status of the staff members of such organizations has not been fully respected;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit, on behalf of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, a report to the General Assembly containing any cases in which the international status of the staff members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies has not been fully respected.

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