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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 9343. AGREEMENT¹ CONCERNING THE LEGAL STATUS AND PRIVILEGES OF INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION. SIGNED AT WARSAW, ON 9 SEPTEMBER 1966

The Contracting Parties,

Desiring to contribute to the further development of the activities of the international specialized organizations for economic co-operation established under the relevant international agreements and thus to promote the further strengthening of friendly relations among States,

Have decided to conclude this Agreement :

Article I

For the purpose of this Agreement, the terms indicated below shall have the following meanings :

(a) "International specialized organization" (hereinafter "organization") shall mean an organization for economic co-operation of an inter-governmental character to which this Agreement is applicable under the provisions of the said organization's constituent instrument or of some other documents ;

(b) "Representatives" shall mean all members of delegations of States, including advisers and experts, who take part in meetings and conferences convened by the organization, as well as representatives of States to the organization ;

(c) "Staff members" shall mean all persons accepted for employment by the organization and appearing in the list of staff members communicated by the organization to the authorities of the country in which it has its seat and to other member States.

¹ Came into force on 20 August 1967, thirty days after the deposit of the instrument of acceptance or accession of the sixth State, in accordance with article IX. The instruments of acceptance were deposited with the Government of Poland by the following States on the dates indicated :

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of deposit</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Date of deposit</i>
Hungary	1 February 1967	Bulgaria	27 May 1967
German Democratic Republic	21 February 1967	Czechoslovakia	2 June 1967
Poland	23 May 1967	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	21 July 1967

Article II

1. The organization shall possess juridical personality in accordance with the laws of the State in which it has its seat. It shall, in particular, have the capacity :

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

2. The property of the organization shall not be subject to administrative confiscation or seizure.

3. The organization shall be exempt from direct taxes and duties levied either by State or by local authorities, with the exception of charges for public-utility and similar services.

4. The organization shall be exempt from customs duty and restrictions in respect of the import or export of articles intended for official use.

5. The archives and documents of the organization and the premises set aside for their safe keeping shall be inviolable.

Article III

1. Representatives shall enjoy :

- (a) Inviolability in respect of official correspondence and documents ;
- (b) Exemption from personal service obligations and from direct taxes and duties on salaries paid to them by the country which appointed them.

2. Representatives shall be exempt from registration formalities. Their visa applications shall be given urgent attention.

3. The provisions of this article shall not affect the immunities accorded under international law as regards personal inviolability and exemption from the jurisdiction of courts and administrative authorities in respect of representatives of States members of the organization in cases where such representatives are performing duties on behalf of their respective States.

Article IV

1. Staff members shall enjoy :

- (a) Exemption from personal service obligations and from direct taxes and duties on salaries paid to them by the organization ;

- (b) Exemption from customs duty on articles intended for their personal use, including articles required for their installation at the time of their original entry into the country in which the organization has its seat, and exemption from the requirement of obtaining authorization for the export of such articles on their departure from the country.

Articles imported by staff members may be alienated in accordance with the procedure established in the country in which the organization has its seat.

2. Applications for the issue of visas to staff members shall be given urgent attention.

Article V

The competent authorities of the State in which the organization has its seat shall afford facilities and assistance to the organization, to representatives and to staff members in obtaining office premises and living quarters, in equipping office premises and in obtaining medical assistance and other social and public-utility services in accordance with the procedure established in the country in which the organization has its seat.

Article VI

The provisions of articles III, IV and V shall apply, as appropriate, to members of the families of the persons referred to in those articles who reside with them.

Article VII

The privileges provided for in this Agreement shall not apply to persons who are nationals of the State in which the organization has its seat or who are permanently resident in the territory of that State.

Article VIII

This Agreement shall be open for signature until 31 December 1966. After that date, States may accede to it.

This Agreement shall be subject to approval in accordance with the legislation of the Contracting Parties.

Article IX

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty days after the deposit by not less than six States of documents signifying approval or accession.

For each State acceding to the Agreement subsequent to its entry into force, the Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the deposit of the document signifying accession.

Article X

This Agreement is concluded for an unlimited period of time.

The Agreement may be denounced. For a State giving notice of denunciation, the denunciation shall take effect upon the expiry of six months from the date of the deposit of such notification with the depositary.

Article XI

The depositary of this Agreement shall be the Government of the Polish People's Republic, which shall send certified copies of the Agreement to all the Contracting Parties and shall notify them of all signatures to, approvals of and accessions to the Agreement and of its entry into force.

This Agreement has been drawn up at Warsaw on 9 September 1966, in a single copy in the Russian language :

For the People's Republic of Bulgaria :

N. CHERNEV

For the Hungarian People's Republic :

F. MARTIN

For the German Democratic Republic :

K. MEWIS

For the Polish People's Republic :

A. RAPACKI

For the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics :

A. ARISTOV

For the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic :

O. JELEŇ