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**WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION  
and  
PARAGUAY**

**Agreement on the legal status and operation of the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Meteorological Organization in the Republic of Paraguay (with Protocol of Execution). Signed at Asunción on 5 December 1983**

*Authentic text: Spanish.*

*Registered by the World Meteorological Organization on 12 February 1986.*

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**ORGANISATION MÉTÉOROLOGIQUE MONDIALE  
et  
PARAGUAY**

**Accord relatif à la situation juridique et au fonctionnement de Bureau régional pour les Amériques de l'Organisation météorologique mondiale dans la République du Paraguay (avec Protocole d'exécution). Signé à Asunción le 5 décembre 1983**

*Texte authentique : espagnol.*

*Enregistré par l'Organisation météorologique mondiale le 12 février 1986.*

## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY AND THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION ON THE LEGAL STATUS AND OPERATION OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE AMERICAS OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY

## PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of Paraguay (hereinafter referred to as “the Government”), on the one hand, and

The World Meteorological Organization (hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”), on the other, .

Taking note of the Convention of the World Meteorological Organization signed at Washington on 11 October 1947<sup>2</sup> and ratified by the Government on 15 September 1950,

Taking note of the Agreement between the Government and the Organization on the operation of the Organization's Regional Office for Latin America in Paraguay during the period 1980-1983, and particularly of article 1 of that Agreement,

Taking note of the decisions adopted by the Ninth World Meteorological Congress to change the name of the Organization's Regional Office for Latin America to “Regional Office for the Americas”, and to keep that Office in the region,

Considering that the Organization's Regional Office has been operating in Asunción, Paraguay, since December 1978,

Considering the desire of the Government to continue to host the headquarters of the Organization's Regional Office for the Americas in Asunción,

With a view to establishing the legal capacity of the Organization in respect of its Regional Office for the Americas in the Republic of Paraguay,

With a view further to determining the privileges, immunities and facilities which the Government shall accord to the Organization, to the representatives of its Members and to its officials,

Desiring to regulate other related questions, have agreed as follows:

## DEFINITIONS

*Article 1.* For the purposes of this Agreement and its Protocol of Execution:

(a) The term “Members” means the Members of the Organization, as defined in the Convention of the World Meteorological Organization.

(b) The term “representatives of the Members” means all representatives, alternate representatives, counsellors, technical advisers and secretaries of Member

<sup>1</sup> Came into force provisionally on 1 January 1984, and definitively on 28 September 1984, upon ratification by the National Congress of Paraguay, in accordance with article 49.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 77, p. 143.

delegations, regardless of the relations existing between the Republic of Paraguay and such Members.

(c) The term "Secretary-General" means the Secretary-General of the Organization.

(d) The term "Regional Office" means the Organization's Regional Office for the Americas.

(e) The term "Regional Director" means the Director of the Organization's Regional Office for the Americas.

(f) The term "officials" means the personnel under contract to the Organization and, in particular, the Regional Director and the consultants and experts seconded to the Regional Office or recruited by that Office.

(g) The term "relatives dependent on them" means those persons authorized by the Organization to travel at its expense in order to accompany an official to his destination or to join him there temporarily or permanently.

#### SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

*Article 2.* The Regional Office is an integral part of the Secretariat of the Organization. Its headquarters shall be situated at Asunción, capital of the Republic of Paraguay. Its responsibilities shall be determined by the Organization, and its specific activities by the Secretary-General. Such responsibilities shall include working with the Members in Regions III (South America) and IV (North America and Central America) of the Organization, with the regional offices of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme and other subsidiary bodies of the United Nations, with the regional offices of other specialized agencies, and with intergovernmental organizations of a regional nature, in the fields of meteorology and operational hydrology.

*Article 3.* The Regional Office shall be headed by a Regional Director, who shall act on behalf of the Secretary-General.

*Article 4.* The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to the operation of the Regional Office in the Republic of Paraguay. All other relations between the Organization and the Republic of Paraguay, including technical co-operation activities, shall be governed by the established procedures in effect between the Organization and its Members and by the provisions of the Convention of the World Meteorological Organization.

*Article 5.* Without prejudice to the application of the provisions of this Agreement, the Organization shall possess in the Republic of Paraguay such legal capacity as may be necessary for the Regional Office to exercise its functions. In addition, it shall enjoy such privileges and immunities as may be necessary for the operation of the Regional Office. Representatives of Members and officials of the Organization shall enjoy such privileges and immunities as may be necessary for the independent exercise of their functions within the Organization.

## JURIDICAL PERSONALITY

*Article 6.* The Organization shall possess juridical personality. It shall have the capacity to:

- (a) Contract;
- (b) Acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property;
- (c) Institute legal proceedings.

## FREEDOM OF ACTION AND OF ASSEMBLY

*Article 7.* The Government shall guarantee the Organization, in the Republic of Paraguay, the independence and freedom of action to which it is entitled as an international organization.

*Article 8.* The Organization and its Regional Office, as well as its Members and the representatives of the Members in respect of their relations deriving from the activities of the Regional Office, shall enjoy freedom of assembly in the Republic of Paraguay, including freedom of discussion and decision, in connection with the normal functions of the Organization.

## PROPERTY, FUNDS AND ASSETS

*Article 9.* The Organization and, in particular, its Regional Office, its property and assets wherever located in the Republic of Paraguay and by whomsoever held, shall enjoy immunity from every form of legal process except in so far as in any particular case they have expressly waived their immunity. It is, however, understood that no waiver of immunity shall extend to any measure of execution.

*Article 10.* The premises of the Organization and of its Regional Office in particular shall be inviolable. The property and assets of the Organization and of its Regional Office in particular, wherever located in the Republic of Paraguay and by whomsoever held, shall be immune from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation and any other form of interference, whether by executive, administrative, judicial or legislative action.

*Article 11.* The archives of the Regional Office, and in general all documents belonging to it or held by it, shall be inviolable, wherever located.

*Article 12.* Without being restricted by financial controls, regulations or moratoria of any kind:

- (a) The Organization and its Regional Office in particular may hold funds, gold or currency of any kind and operate accounts in any currency;
- (b) The Organization and its Regional Office in particular may freely transfer their funds, gold or currency from the Republic of Paraguay to another country and vice versa or within the territory of the Republic of Paraguay and convert any currency held by them into any other currency.

*Article 13.* The Organization shall, in exercising its rights under article 12 above, pay due regard to any representations made by the Government in so far as they are not detrimental to its own interests.

*Article 14.* The Organization and, in particular, its Regional Office, its assets, income and other property shall be:

- (a) Exempt from all direct taxes; it is understood, however, that the Organization will not claim exemption from charges in respect of public services actually made available, except for charges expressly provided for in this Agreement or its Protocol of Execution;
- (b) Exempt from customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles imported or exported by the Organization and its Regional Office in particular for their official use; it is understood, however, that articles imported under such exemption will not be sold in the Republic of Paraguay except under conditions agreed to with the Government;
- (c) Exempt from duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of their publications.

*Article 15.* While the Organization will not, as a general rule, claim exemption from excise duties and from taxes on the sale of movable and immovable property which form part of the price to be paid, nevertheless, when the Organization and its Regional Office in particular are making important purchases for official use of property on which such duties and taxes have been charged or are chargeable, the Government will, whenever possible, make appropriate administrative arrangements for the remission or return of the amount of such duty or tax.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

*Article 16.* The Organization and its Regional Office in particular shall enjoy, in the territory of the Republic of Paraguay, for their official communications, treatment not less favourable than that accorded by the Government to any other Government, including the latter's diplomatic mission, in the matter of priorities, rates and taxes on mail, cables, telegrams, radiograms, telephotos, telephone and other communications, including statistical data communications, and press rates for information to the press and radio.

*Article 17.* In addition, the Government shall accord the Organization such postal, telegraph and telephone facilities as may be necessary for the performance of the functioning of its Regional Office, in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol of Execution.

*Article 18.* The official correspondence and other official communications of the Organization shall be inviolable. The Organization and its Regional Office in particular shall have the right to use codes and to dispatch and receive correspondence by courier or in sealed bags, which shall have the same immunities and privileges as diplomatic couriers and bags. Nothing in this article shall be construed to preclude the adoption of appropriate security precautions, to be determined by agreement between the Government and the Organization.

#### REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBERS

*Article 19.* Representatives of Members at meetings convened by the Organization in connection with the activities of its Regional Office shall, while exercising

their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, enjoy the following privileges and immunities:

- (a) Immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and, in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in their official capacity, immunity from legal process of every kind;
- (b) Inviolability for all papers and documents;
- (c) The right to use codes and to receive papers or correspondence by courier or in sealed bags;
- (d) Exemption in respect of themselves and their spouses from immigration restrictions, alien registration or national service obligations in the Republic of Paraguay;
- (e) The same facilities in respect of currency or exchange restrictions as the Government accords to representatives of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;
- (f) The same immunities and facilities in respect of their personal baggage as the Government accords to members of comparable rank of diplomatic missions.

*Article 20.* In order to secure for the representatives of Members at meetings convened by the Organization complete freedom of speech and complete independence in the discharge of their duties, the immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in discharging their duties shall continue to be accorded, notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer engaged in the discharge of such duties.

*Article 21.* Where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, periods during which the representatives of Members of the Organization at meetings convened by it are present in the territory of the Republic of Paraguay for the discharge of their duties shall not be considered as periods of residence.

*Article 22.* Privileges and immunities are accorded to representatives of Members not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves, but in order to safeguard the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the Organization.

*Article 23.* The provisions of articles 19, 20 and 21 are not applicable in relation to the authorities of the Republic of Paraguay if the person in question is a citizen of or is or has been a representative of the Republic of Paraguay.

#### FACILITIES

*Article 24.* The Government shall provide the Regional Office with premises and the means to fitting out its offices, office furniture and equipment, administrative personnel and other services, as stipulated in the Protocol of Execution.

#### OFFICIALS

*Article 25.* The Organization will specify the categories of officials to which the provisions of articles 26 to 29 and 34 to 38 shall apply, and shall communicate them to the Government. The names of the officials included in these categories shall from time to time be made known to the Government.

*Article 26.* All officials, irrespective of their nationality, shall:

- (a) Be immune from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts performed by them in an official capacity, provided that they are connected with their specific duties;
- (b) Enjoy the same exemptions from taxation in respect of the salaries and emoluments paid to them by the Organization and on the same conditions as are enjoyed by officials of the United Nations.

*Article 27.* Officials who are not Paraguayan nationals shall, in addition:

- (a) Be exempt, together with the relatives dependent on them from immigration restrictions and alien registration, and from payment of duties and taxes;
- (b) Enjoy total freedom in respect of transfers of funds and any transactions, wherever and in whatever manner performed, involving foreign currency, cheques, coins and banknotes paid to them as salaries and emoluments by the Organization, as well as exemption from currency exchange restrictions or limitations;
- (c) Be given, together with the relatives dependent on them, the same repatriation facilities in time of international crises as officials of comparable rank of diplomatic missions;
- (d) Be exempt, together with the relatives dependent on them, from national service obligations in the Republic of Paraguay;
- (e) Have the right to import free of duty their furniture and effects at the time of first taking up their post in the Republic of Paraguay. This provision shall apply also to furniture and effects dispatched as unaccompanied baggage, in one or more shipments, provided that they enter the country within six months following the date of the arrival of the official or of the installation of his family, whichever is the most recent;
- (f) Have the right to import free of customs duty a motor vehicle for their personal use and to transfer it under conditions and time-limits established by the Government. However, such conditions and time-limits shall not apply to transfers of automobiles or vehicles which:
  - (i) Belonged to an official who died in the exercise of his functions;
  - (ii) Belong to an official transferred to another country, provided that he served for a period of more than one year in the Republic of Paraguay;
- (g) Have, in addition, the right to import free of customs duty articles for personal use or consumption, household articles or articles belonging to the relatives dependent on them, during their official stay in the country and up to six months after the date of the termination of their functions in the Republic of Paraguay, this right being subject to an annual quota established by the Government;
- (h) Have the right to export freely their furniture, effects and vehicles upon termination of their functions in the Republic of Paraguay and up to six months after their final departure from the country.

*Article 28.* In addition to the privileges and immunities specified in articles 26 and 27, the Secretary-General, including any official acting on his behalf during his absence from duty, the Under-Secretary-General and the Regional Director shall be accorded, in respect of themselves and the relatives dependent on them, the privileges

and immunities, exemptions and facilities accorded to diplomatic envoys, in accordance with international law and customary practice.

*Article 29.* Officials who are Paraguayan nationals shall:

- (a) Be exempt from currency exchange restrictions or limitations when they are required to carry out official missions abroad;
- (b) Be exempt from any obligation to serve in their Government or at its request, provided that such exemption is confined to officials whose names have, by reason of their duties, been placed upon a list compiled by the Secretary-General and approved by the Government. Should other officials be called upon by their Government to serve in some capacity, the Government shall, at the request of the Organization, grant such temporary deferments in the recruitment of such officials as may be necessary to avoid interruption in the continuation of essential work.

*Article 30.* Privileges and immunities are granted to officials in the interests of the Organization only, and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Organization 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 Organization.

*Article 31.* The Organization shall co-operate at all times with the appropriate authorities of the Republic of Paraguay to facilitate the proper administration of justice, secure the observance of police regulations and prevent the occurrence of any abuses in connection with the privileges, immunities and facilities mentioned in articles 26 to 29 of this Agreement.

#### ABUSES OF PRIVILEGES

*Article 32.* If the Government considers that there has been an abuse of a privilege or immunity conferred by this Agreement, consultations shall be held between the Government and the Organization 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 Government and the Organization, the question whether an abuse of a privilege or immunity has occurred shall be submitted to an arbitral panel in accordance with article 47. If the arbitral panel finds that such an abuse has occurred, the Government shall have the right, after notification to the Organization, to withhold from the Organization the benefits of the privilege or immunity so abused.

*Article 33.* Representatives of Members at meetings convened by the Organization in connection with the activities of its Regional Office, while exercising their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, and officials within the meaning of article 25, shall not be required by the territorial authorities to leave the Republic of Paraguay on account of any activities performed by them in their official capacity. In the case, however, of abuse of privileges of residence committed by any such person in activities in the Republic of Paraguay outside his official functions, he may be required to leave the country by the Government, provided that:

- (a) Representatives of Members, or persons who are entitled to diplomatic immunity under article 28, shall not be required to leave the country unless it is in



accordance with the diplomatic procedure applicable to diplomatic envoys accredited to the Republic of Paraguay;

- (b) In the case of an official to whom article 28 is not applicable, no order to leave the country shall be issued other than with the approval of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Paraguay, and such approval shall be notified simultaneously to the Secretary-General; and, if expulsion proceedings are taken against an official, the Secretary-General shall have the right to appear in such proceedings on behalf of the person against whom they are instituted.

#### TRAVEL

*Article 34.* Subject to the provisions of article 39, the Government shall take all appropriate measures to facilitate the entry into, residence in and departure from the Republic of Paraguay, and the access to the premises of the Regional Office, of all persons whose presence is officially requested by the Organization, namely:

- (a) Representatives of Members;  
(b) Officials;  
(c) All other persons whose presence is requested, or who are invited by the Organization, irrespective of nationality.

Police regulations restricting the entry of aliens into the Republic of Paraguay or governing the conditions for their residence shall not apply to the persons referred to in this article. Such persons shall not be exempted from complying with quarantine and public health regulations. The provisions of this article shall apply also to the spouse and children of any such person, provided that they reside with him and do not engage in any independent profession or occupation.

*Article 35.* The Government shall recognize and accept as valid travel documents the United Nations *laissez-passer* issued to officials of the Organization and the United Nations family certificates issued to the members of their family, in accordance with the administrative arrangements agreed upon by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization.

*Article 36.* Applications for visas, where required, from officials of the Organization holding United Nations *laissez-passer*, when accompanied by a certificate that they are travelling on the business of the Organization, shall be dealt with as speedily as possible. In addition, such persons shall be granted facilities for speedy travel.

*Article 37.* Facilities similar to those specified in article 36 shall be accorded to experts, consultants and other persons who, though not the holders of United Nations *laissez-passer*, have a certificate that they are travelling at the request of the Organization.

*Article 38.* The Secretary-General, the Under-Secretary-General, the heads of departments and other officials of the Organization of a rank not lower than head of department and, in particular, the Regional Director, when travelling on United Nations *laissez-passer* on the business of the Organization, shall be granted the same facilities for travel as are accorded to officials of comparable rank in diplomatic missions.

## NATIONAL SECURITY

*Article 39.* In no case shall this Agreement be so construed as to preclude the right of the Government to adopt all appropriate precautions in the interests of the security of the Republic of Paraguay. In the event that it is deemed necessary to apply the provisions of this article, the Government shall enter into communication with the Organization as rapidly as circumstances allow, with a view to adopting by mutual agreement whatever measures are necessary to protect the interests of the Organization. The Organization shall co-operate with the authorities with a view to ensuring that its own activities do not in any way jeopardize the security of the Republic of Paraguay.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY ON THE PART  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY

*Article 40.* The Republic of Paraguay shall incur no international responsibility of any kind, as a result of the Organization's activities in its territory, for acts or omissions of the Organization or of its officials acting or failing to act in the exercise of their functions.

## APPLICATION

*Article 41.* The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Paraguay shall, in general, be responsible, for the application of this Agreement on behalf of the Government, and the Ministry of National Defence shall be the national liaison agency.

*Article 42.* The Regional Director shall be delegated by the Secretary-General as the representative of the Organization to the Government for the purposes of the application of this Agreement and its Protocol of Execution.

*Article 43.* The Protocol of Execution completes the provisions of this Agreement.

## INTERPRETATION

*Article 44.* This Agreement shall be interpreted according to the rules of international law set out in articles 31 and 32 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties.<sup>1</sup>

*Article 45.* The Spanish language text shall be considered the authentic text of this Agreement.

## SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

*Article 46.* The Organization shall adopt all relevant provisions for the satisfactory settlement of:

- (a) Disputes arising out of contracts or other disputes of a private nature to which the Organization is a party;

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1155, p. 331.

- (b) Disputes involving any official of the Organization who by reason of his official position enjoys immunity, if the Secretary-General has not waived that immunity in accordance with the provisions of article 30 of this Agreement.

*Article 47.* All differences of opinion between the Organization and the Government regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement, its Protocol of Execution or any supplementary agreement or arrangement which have not been settled by negotiation shall be submitted for consideration and decision to an arbitral panel composed of three members: the first arbitrator shall be appointed by the Government, the second by the Secretary-General, and the third, who shall preside over the arbitral panel, by the President of the International Court of Justice except where, in a given case, the Parties to this Agreement agree to have recourse to a different mode of settlement.

*Article 48.* Either Party shall be entitled to have recourse to the arbitral panel by submitting a written request, and the panel shall determine its own procedure.

#### FINAL PROVISIONS

*Article 49.* This Agreement, together with its Protocol of Execution, shall, after it has been signed by the Government and the Organization, enter into force provisionally on 1 January 1984 and definitively after it has been ratified by the National Congress.

*Article 50.* As soon as this Agreement enters into force, the Secretary-General of the Organization shall transmit the text of the Agreement to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for registration, pursuant to article 1 of the regulations contained in resolution 97 (I) adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1946 to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.<sup>1</sup>

*Article 51.* This Agreement and its Protocol of Execution may be revised at the request of either Party.

*Article 52.* Each Party to this Agreement shall notify the other in writing, at least six months in advance, of its intention to revise or denounce this Agreement.

*Article 53.* Except where one of the Parties exercises its rights under articles 51 and 52, this Agreement shall be automatically extended at the end of each quadrennial financial period of the Organization, that is, on 31 December 1987, as regards the initial period.

*Article 54.* The denunciation of this Agreement:

- (a) Shall release the two Parties from the obligation to continue to apply this Agreement;
- (b) Shall not affect the rights, obligations or legal status of the Parties arising from the execution of this Agreement prior to the denunciation.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1, p. XX. The regulations were amended in the last instance by General Assembly resolution 33/141 A of 19 December 1978. For the text, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 859, p. VIII.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been signed at Asunción on 5 December 1983, in duplicate in the Spanish language. One copy of the text shall be transmitted to the Government of the Republic of Paraguay and the other to the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization.

For the Government  
of the Republic of Paraguay:

[Signed]

CARLOS AUGUSTO SALDÍVAR  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

[Signed]

GASPAR GERMÁN MARTÍNEZ  
Minister of National Defence

For the World Meteorological  
Organization:

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A. C. WIIN-NIELSEN  
Secretary-General

PROTOCOL OF EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY AND THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION ON THE LEGAL STATUS AND OPERATION OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE AMERICAS OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY

*Article 1. FLAG AND EMBLEM OF THE ORGANIZATION*

1. For the purposes of this Protocol of Execution, the code and rules regarding the use of the flag of the Organization shall apply.
2. The name and official emblem of the Organization may be used on the main premises of the Regional Office and on official vehicles.

*Article 2. SECURITY OF PREMISES*

1. The Government shall exercise the police surveillance required to protect the premises of the Organization and maintain order in the immediate vicinity. At the request of the Regional Director, the Government shall send such security forces as may be required to maintain order within the premises.
2. Where it has been ascertained or where there is good reason to suspect that persons being sought for ordinary crimes or offences or for violent acts against State security are in the said premises or that unauthorized persons have entered them by force or have illegally introduced documents or articles therein, the Secretary-General or the Regional Director on his behalf shall enter into communication with the authorities with a view to suspending the immunity accorded under article 10 of the Agreement.

*Article 3. OFFICIAL VEHICLES*

Official vehicles belonging to the Organization which are sent to the Regional Office for use by that Office shall be exempt from any kind of taxation and shall circulate with special licence plates issued and certified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

*Article 4. CONTRIBUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT*

The Government shall furnish to the Regional Office, at no cost to the Organization, the following premises, facilities, supplies, personnel and services, to the extent and under the conditions referred to in the annex to this Protocol of Execution:

*(a) Personnel*

- One bilingual secretary,
- One typist,
- One office assistant/driver,

*(b) Services*

- Postal facilities for surface mail and air mail,
- Post office box reserved for the Regional Office,
- Telex service and corresponding facilities,
- Telephone service and corresponding facilities,

*(c) Premises and facilities*

- Office space for the Regional Director, three officials, secretaries, experts and consultants, archive space, a library and a conference room with the corresponding services, covering a minimum area of 140 square metres,

*(d) Fuel and lubricants*

- Fuel and lubricants for the official vehicle,

*(e) Office and furniture machines*

- Office and furniture machines as required for the normal operation of the Regional Office.

*Article 5. BUDGET*

During the period in which the Agreement and the Protocol of Execution remain in force, the Government shall approve the annual budget estimates and adopt such other measures as may be necessary for the implementation of article 4 above.

*Article 6. IDENTITY CARD*

The Government shall make available to the Organization, for each Regional Office official appointed for at least six months and for each relative dependent on him, an identity card bearing the photograph of the holder. Such identity cards, which shall be certified by the Government, shall serve as a means of identification or as credentials for the official or his relatives *vis-à-vis* all governmental authorities of the Republic of Paraguay.

*Article 7. SOCIAL SECURITY*

Officials and the relatives dependent on them shall be covered by the social security schemes of the Organization. Consequently, the Organization shall not be required to enrol personnel under contract to it with Paraguayan social security institutions. However, the Organization may, when it deems it advisable, make arrangements to have national social security institutions provide coverage for its personnel and the relatives dependent on them.

*Article 8. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES*

As provided in articles 27, 28, 33 and 38 of the Agreement, the Government shall accord to the Regional Director the same privileges, immunities and facilities as

diplomatic envoys, which it is the local practice and custom to accord to heads of mission.

*Article 9. PERSONAL VEHICLES*

Officials who are not Paraguayan nationals shall:

- (a) Be exempt from payment for the licence plates for their vehicles, which shall circulate with special licence plates issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- (b) Enjoy, together with the relatives dependent on them who are over 18 years of age, all possible facilities for obtaining free of charge driving licences for automobiles or other vehicles, upon presentation of an equivalent valid and duly certified driving licence issued in their name by another State, or provided that they possess an international or Inter-American licence.

*Article 10. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES*

1. The disputes referred to in article 46 (a) of the Agreement shall be resolved in accordance with the general rules and principles of international law.

2. The disputes referred to in article 46 (b) of the Agreement shall be settled according to the procedures established under article 47 of the Agreement.

*Article 11. FINAL PROVISIONS*

1. This Protocol of Execution is an integral part of the Agreement and shall remain in force for the duration of the Agreement.

2. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Agreement, this Protocol of Execution may be revised or amended at the request of either of the two Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Protocol of Execution has been signed at Asunción on 5 December 1983, in duplicate in the Spanish language. One copy of the text shall be transmitted to the Government of the Republic of Paraguay and the other to the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization.

For the Government  
of the Republic of Paraguay:

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For the World Meteorological  
Organization:

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Secretary-General

ANNEX TO THE PROTOCOL OF EXECUTION<sup>1</sup>

LIST OF FACILITIES, SUPPLIES, SERVICES AND PERSONNEL FURNISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE AMERICAS OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

<sup>1</sup> Not published herein, in accordance with article 12 (2) of the General Assembly regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations as amended in the last instance by General Assembly resolution 33/141 A of 19 December 1978.