STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1989 No. 480

INTERNATIONAL IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES

The CSCE Information Forum (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1989

Made - - - -	*15th March 1989*
Laid before Parliament	*23rd March 1989*
Coming into force	*13th April 1989*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of March 1989

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) Information Forum is to be held in the United Kingdom from 18th April to 12th May 1989 and is to be attended by representatives of the United Kingdom and of the Governments of other sovereign Powers:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 6 of the International Organisations Act 1968(a) (hereinafter referred to as the Act) or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the CSCE Information Forum (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1989 and shall come into force on 13th April 1989.

2.—(1) For the purposes of this Order, there are hereby specified the representatives of the sovereign Powers at the CSCE Information Forum.

(2) Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Governments of the sovereign Powers whom they represent, the persons specified in the preceding paragraph shall enjoy:–

(a) immunity from suit and legal process in respect of things done or omitted to be done by them in their capacity as representatives;

(b) while exercising their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, the like inviolability of residence, the like immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage, the like inviolability of all papers and documents, and the like exemption or relief from taxes (other than customs and excise duties or value added tax) as are accorded to the head of a diplomatic mission; and

(c) while exercising their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, the like exemptions and privileges in respect of their personal baggage as in accordance with Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which is set out in Schedule 1 to the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964(b), are accorded to a diplomatic agent.

(a) 1968 c.48; section 6 was amended by the International Organisations Act 1981 (c.9), section 1(3).
(b) 1964 c.81.

(3) Section 6(3) of the Act and Part IV of Schedule 1 to the Act shall not operate so as to confer any privilege or immunity on the official staff of a representative other than delegates, deputy delegates, advisers, technical experts and secretaries of delegations.

(4) Neither this Article nor section 6(3) of the Act and Part IV of Schedule 1 to the Act shall operate so as to confer any privilege or immunity on any person as the representative of the United Kingdom or as a member of the official staff of such a representative or on any person who is a British citizen, a British Dependent Territories citizen, a British Overseas citizen or a British National (Overseas) or who is permanently resident in the United Kingdom.

G. I. de Deney
Clerk of the Privy Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order confers privileges and immunities upon the representatives of the sovereign Powers at the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) Information Forum, which is to be held in the United Kingdom from 18th April to 12th May 1989, and upon certain members of their official staffs.

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