STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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DIPLOMATIC AND INTERNATIONAL IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES

The Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1972

Made - - - -	22*nd March* 1972
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Coming into Operation	18*th April* 1972

At the Court of Saint James, the 22nd day of March 1972

Present,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother
Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne

Lord President	**Mr. Amery**
Earl St. Aldwyn	**Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster**

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the fourth day of February 1972, to delegate to the following Counsellors of State (subject to the exceptions hereinafter mentioned) or any two or more of them, that is to say, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, His Royal Highness The Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, and His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas Her Majesty was further pleased to except from the number of the said Counsellors of State His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, His Royal Highness The Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, while absent from the United Kingdom:

And whereas the Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names is to be held in the United Kingdom from 10th to 31st May 1972 and is to be attended by representatives of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and of the Governments of foreign sovereign Powers:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by section 6 of the International Organisations Act 1968(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as the Act) and all other powers enabling Her Majesty, do hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1972 and shall come into operation on 18th April 1972.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3.—(1) Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Governments whom they represent, representatives of the Governments of foreign sovereign Powers at the Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names 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 purchase tax) as is 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(**c**), are accorded to a diplomatic agent.

(2) Where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, a representative shall not be deemed to be resident in the United Kingdom during any period when he is present in the United Kingdom for the discharge of his duties.

(3) 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 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 Government of the United Kingdom or as a member of the official staff of such a representative or on any person who is a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies.

W. G. Agnew

(**a**) 1968 c. 48. (**b**) 1889 c. 63. (**c**) 1964 c. 81.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order confers privileges and immunities upon the representatives of the Governments of foreign sovereign Powers at the Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, which is to be held in the United Kingdom from 10th to 31st May 1972, and upon certain members of their official staffs.

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