

**Diplomatic and Consular Relations (United Nations Development Programme)  
Order 2020**

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**DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR RELATIONS ACT  
(CHAPTER 82A)**

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR RELATIONS  
(UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME)  
ORDER 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6(3) of the Diplomatic and Consular Relations Act, the Minister for Foreign Affairs makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order is the Diplomatic and Consular Relations (United Nations Development Programme) Order 2020 and is deemed to have come into operation on 25 September 2012.

**Definitions**

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

“archives of the Office” means all records, correspondence, documents, manuscripts, computer records, still and motion pictures, film and sound recordings, belonging to or held by the Office in furtherance of its official functions;

“Head of Office” means the official who is the Head of the Office;

“Office” means the Global Centre for Public Service Excellence, now known as the Global Centre for Technology, Innovation and Sustainable Development, established and operated by the United Nations Development Programme in Singapore;

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“Official of the Office” means a United Nations staff member, within the meaning of Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations, whose employment and contractual relationship is defined by a letter of appointment that is subject to regulations promulgated by the General Assembly pursuant to Article 101, paragraph 1, of the Charter, and who is assigned to the service of the Office, but does not include anyone who is recruited in Singapore and paid hourly rates;

“Service Contractor” means an individual who is hired by the United Nations Development Programme as an independent contractor to provide secretarial, finance, information technology, human resource and other administrative support services to the Office.

**Additional immunities and privileges of Office**

3. The Office, in addition to its immunities and privileges under the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (United Nations Development Programme) Order 2020 (G.N. No. S 931/2020), enjoys the following immunities and privileges:

- (a) inviolability of all archives of the Office, and all documents in whatever form, wherever they are located in Singapore and by whomsoever held;
- (b) inviolability of the official correspondences of the Office;
- (c) freedom from censorship of the official communications of the Office;
- (d) the right to use codes;
- (e) the right to send and receive correspondence by courier or in a bag, such courier to enjoy the same inviolability as a diplomatic courier, and such bag to have the same status as a diplomatic bag, under Article 27 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

#### **Immunities and privileges of Representatives of Members and Participants in United Nations Meetings**

4. In addition to the immunities under the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (United Nations Development Programme) Order 2020, a Representative of a Member of the United Nations, of its principal or subsidiary organ or of any specialised agency of the United Nations, invited to any meeting, seminar, training course, symposium, workshop or similar activity organised by the Office, while exercising his or her function and during his or her journey to and from the place of meeting, seminar, training course, symposium, workshop or similar activity (as the case may be), enjoys the following immunities and privileges:

- (a) inviolability of all their official papers and documents;
- (b) the right to use codes and to receive papers and correspondence by courier or in sealed bags;
- (c) the same immunities and facilities in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to an envoy of a sovereign Power accredited to the Republic of Singapore;
- (d) the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded under Article 34 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations to a diplomatic agent, other than the following:
  - (i) customs duty for the import of goods;
  - (ii) excise duty on goods whether manufactured in Singapore or elsewhere.