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DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES ACT 1962

(1962 No. 42)

Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges (Regional Centre for Training in Aerial Surveys) Order 1983

Commencement :

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act 1962, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, the Minister of External Affairs, hereby make the following Order :—

Diplomatic Immunity Conferred on the Centre

1. The Regional Centre for Training in Aerial Surveys (hereinafter in this Order referred to as "the Centre") is hereby established in Nigeria for the purpose of its objectives as spelt out in its constitution.

Establishment of Regional Centre for Training in Aerial Surveys in Nigeria.

2. The Centre shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate.

Legal capacity.

3.—(1) All the properties, archives and assets of the Centre shall be exempt from search, requisition and confiscation.

Exemption from search, etc.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, all properties, archives and assets of the Centre shall for the purposes of public safety and public order be subject to the laws of Nigeria.

4.—(1) The offices and properties of the Centre shall be exempted from levies in respect of certain non-beneficial portion of rates and taxes, that is to say, property rates based on rateable value of the property and other municipal taxes normally payable by property owners but which are not charges levied for specific services rendered.

Exemption from certain taxes, rates and customs duties.

(2) All goods which are imported or exported by the Centre and which are necessary for the proper performance of its activities, shall be exempted from all customs duties and other charges excepting payments for services rendered; and for the sole purpose of servicing its conferences and similar programmes, the Centre shall be allowed to import duty-free reasonable quantities of drinks and tobacco.

Officials of the Centre

5.—(1) The Executive Director of the Centre, except in so far as in any particular case the immunity is waived by the Centre, shall enjoy personal immunities for acts performed in pursuance of his duties as the chief executive or administrative head of the Centre.

Immunity and privileges of the Executive Director.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1) above, where the Executive Director is not a citizen of Nigeria, he shall enjoy the following privileges, that is to say—

(a) exemption from import duty in respect of articles imported including duty-free purchase of a motor vehicle;

Immunities
of persons
engaged.

(b) exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by him as an employee of the Centre ; and

(c) exemption from payment of custom duties for a limited quantity and assortment of drinks and tobacco for official entertainment.

6.—(1) Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Centre, officials of the Centre shall enjoy—

(a) while exercising their functions as such, and during any journey to and from the Centre, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability of all papers and documents relating to the work of the Centre ; and

(b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in the exercise of these functions.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as entitling any person to enjoy any such immunity or exemption if he is a Nigerian, a permanent foreign resident of Nigeria or a locally recruited staff.

Citation.

7. This Order may be cited as the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges (Regional Centre for Training in Aerial Surveys) Order 1983.

MADE at Lagos this 20th day of December 1983.

E. C. ANYAOKU,
Minister of External Affairs

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the above Order but is intended to explain its purpose)

The Order is made under the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act 1962 to grant certain immunities and privileges to the Regional Centre for Training in Aerial Surveys.