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SPECIAL MISSIONS

Articles 17, 18 and 19 as adopted  
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Article 17

General Facilities

The receiving State shall accord to the special mission the facilities required for the performance of its functions, having regard to the nature and task of the special mission.

Article 18

Accommodation of the special mission and its members

The receiving State shall assist the special mission if it so requests in obtaining the necessary premises and suitable accommodation for its members.

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Article 19

Inviolability of the premises

1. The premises of the special mission shall be inviolable. The agents of the receiving State may not enter the premises of the special mission, except with the consent of the head of the special mission or, if appropriate, of the head of the permanent diplomatic mission of the sending State accredited to the receiving State.\*
2. The receiving State is under a special duty to take all appropriate steps to protect the premises of the special mission against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of the mission or impairment of its dignity.
3. The premises of the special mission, their furnishings, other property used in the operation of the special mission and its means of transport shall be immune from search, requisition, attachment or execution.

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\* The Drafting Committee recalls that in the Commission some members favoured the addition of the following sentence:

"Such consent may be assumed in case of fire or other disaster requiring prompt protective action."