

**Inter-office memorandum to the Chief of the Division of Legal Service of the United Nations Development Programme, concerning the clearance of staff members for residence in a Member State**

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS—CONVENTION ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, 1946—REQUEST FOR CURRICULUM VITAE OF STAFF MEMBERS IN ORDER TO CLEAR THEM FOR RESIDENCE—IMMUNITY FROM IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS AND ALIEN REGISTRATION—FREEDOM OF UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS TO ENTER AND RESIDE IN A COUNTRY FOR THE EXERCISE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS—STANDARD AND LIMITED RELEASE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL INFORMATION AS LONG AS THE FREEDOM TO ENTER AND RESIDE IS NOT IMPEDED

1. I refer to your memorandum of 27 September 1978 requesting the views of this Office regarding the request by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of [Member State A] for CVs of staff members in order to clear them for residence in [Member State A].

2. The relevant provision of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations\* is section 18(d) which provides that officials shall be immune from immigration restrictions and alien registration. The purpose of this provision is to ensure the freedom of United Nations officials to enter and reside in a country for the exercise of their functions in connection with the Organization. If the submission of information does not interfere with this freedom and if the procedure is not used by the Government to impede entry and residence, this Office would make no objection to submission of such information as a courtesy to the Government. We would not favour submission of personal CVs, or details as to previous employment, etc. In our view, the information supplied should be standard in all cases, and if possible limited to that indicated in the paragraph which follows.

3. With regard to your comment concerning applications for [Member State B] visas, the United Nations has recently received an assurance from [Member State B] that in the future staff members completing Form 156 need only provide answers relating to their name, date and place of birth, nationality, name of organization and official position. A copy of the [Member State B] letter is attached\*\* for your information.

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\* United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1, p. 15, and vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to vol. 1).

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