SPECIAL MISSIONS

**Articles 9 to 14 adopted by the Drafting Committee**

**Article 9**

Rules concerning precedence

1. Where two or more special missions meet on the territory of the receiving State, precedence among the missions shall be determined, in the absence of a special agreement, by the alphabetical order of the names of the States used by the protocol of the receiving State.

2. Precedence between the members of the same special mission shall be notified to the appropriate organs of the receiving State.

3. Precedence among two or more special missions which meet on a ceremonial or formal occasion shall be governed by the protocol in force in the receiving State.

**Article 10**

Precedence among special ceremonial and formal missions

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Article 11
Commencement of the functions of a special mission

1. The functions of a special mission shall commence as soon as the mission enters into official contact with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the receiving State or with another appropriate organ designated by the receiving State.

2. The commencement of the functions of a special mission shall not depend upon presentation by the permanent diplomatic mission of the sending State or upon the submission of letters of credence or full powers.

Article 12
End of the functions of a special mission

1. The functions of a special mission shall come to an end, inter alia, upon:

(a) The mutual agreement of the States concerned,

(b) The completion of the task of the special mission;

(c) The expiry of the duration assigned for the special mission, unless it is explicitly extended;

(d) Notification by the sending State that it is terminating or recalling the special mission,

(e) Notification by the receiving State that it considers the special mission terminated.

2. The severance of diplomatic or consular relations between the sending State and the receiving State shall not automatically have the effect of terminating special missions existing at the time of the severance of relations.
Article 13

Seat of the special mission

1. A special mission shall have its seat at the place agreed upon by the States concerned.

2. In the absence of agreement, the special mission shall have its seat in the place where the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the receiving State is situated.

3. If the special mission's functions involve travel or are performed by different sections or groups, the special mission may have more than one seat; one of such seats may be chosen as its principal seat.

Article 14

Nationality of the members of the special mission

1. The representatives of the sending State and members of the diplomatic staff in the special mission should in principle be of the nationality of the sending State.

2. Nationals of the receiving State may not be appointed to a special mission except with the consent of that State, which may be withdrawn at any time.

3. The receiving State may reserve the right provided for in paragraph 2 with regard to the nationals of a third State who are not also nationals of the sending State.