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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES**

**Bilateral Agreement relating to privileges and immunities of  
representatives to the Council of the Organization and  
other members of delegations. Signed at Washington  
on 20 March 1975**

*Authentic texts: English and Spanish.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 11 March 1976.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
ORGANISATION DES ÉTATS AMÉRICAINS**

**Accord bilatéral relatif aux privilèges et immunités des  
représentants au Conseil de l'Organisation et des autres  
membres des représentations. Signé à Washington le  
20 mars 1975**

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## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

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WHEREAS: Article 92 of the Charter of the Organization of American States<sup>2</sup> provides that “The Permanent Council and the General Secretariat shall have the same seat”;

Article 127 of the Charter provides that “The seat of the General Secretariat is the City of Washington”;

Article 140 provides that “The representatives of the Member States on the organs of the Organization, the personnel of their delegations, as well as the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General, shall enjoy the privileges and immunities corresponding to their positions and necessary for the independent performance of their duties”;

For the full and independent exercise of their duties, the Representatives of Member States and Permanent Observers to the Organization of American States and members of their staffs should enjoy privileges and immunities provided for in the following articles;

The Government of the United States of America and the Organization of American States agree as follows:

*Article 1.* The privileges and immunities which the Government of the United States of America accords to diplomatic envoys accredited to it shall be extended, subject to corresponding conditions and obligations, to any person designated by a Member State, other than the United States of America, as its Representative or Interim Representative to the Organization of American States, and to such Alternate Representatives and Advisers of the missions of member States who have been appointed in accordance with Article 78 of the Charter of the OAS, as well as to the Permanent Observers and Alternate Observers of non-member States, excluding persons who are serving in a purely administrative-technical, clerical or other similar nonrepresentative capacity, and whose credentials have been verified by the Organization of American States and whose appointments have been notified by the Organization to the Government of the United States of America.

*Article 2.* In the case of States whose Governments are not recognized by the Government of the United States of America, the said privileges and immunities need be extended to the persons referred to in Article 1 only at the seat of the Permanent Council, at their residences and offices in or near the City of Washington, in transit between the seat of the Permanent Council and such residences and offices, and in transit, on official business, to or from other countries.

*Article 3.* In case of abuse of the privileges of residence in the United States by any person enjoying diplomatic privileges and immunities under the foregoing articles, the said privileges and immunities shall not be construed to grant exemption from the laws and regulations of the United States regarding the continued residence

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 20 March 1975 by signature, in accordance with article 5.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 119, p. 3; revised by the Protocol of Buenos Aires on 27 February 1967, vol. 721, p. 324.

of aliens. However, no such person shall be required to leave the country otherwise than in accordance with the customary procedure applicable to diplomatic envoys accredited to the Government of the United States.

*Article 4.* The privileges and immunities provided for in this Agreement shall not apply to representatives of the United States of America, to nationals of the United States of America serving in any other capacity, or to aliens admitted for permanent residence.

*Article 5.* This Agreement shall enter into force on the date it is signed, and shall replace and terminate the Agreement between the United States of America and the Organization of American States signed at Washington, D.C., July 22, 1952.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 181, p. 147.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective representatives, duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Agreement.

EN FE DE LO CUAL, los respectivos representantes, debidamente autorizados, han firmado el presente Acuerdo.

DONE in duplicate, in the English and Spanish languages, both authentic, at Washington, this 20th day of March, 1975.

HECHO en duplicado, en los idiomas inglés y español, ambos textos auténticos, en Washington, a los 20 días del mes de marzo de 1975.

Por el Gobierno de los Estados Unidos de América:  
For the Government of the United States of America:

[*Signed — Signé*]

WILLIAM S. MAILLIARD

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the United States of America  
to the Organization of American States

Por la Organización de los Estados Americanos:  
For the Organization of American States:

[*Signed — Signé*]

LUIS ALVARADO G.

Embajador, Representante Permanente del Perú  
ante la Organización de los Estados Americanos  
y Presidente del Consejo Permanente de la Organización

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