

SIXTH COMMITTEE

SUB-COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Letter to Mr. Kernö, Assistant Secretary-General, from the
International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union

23 October 1947.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of and to thank you for your letter with annexes and am grateful to you for communicating regularly the results of the work of the Sub-Committee considering the question of privileges and immunities to be accorded to the Specialized Agencies.

In reading the annexes prepared by the Rapporteur of Sub-Committee I (Document A/C.6/SC.4/W.10/Add.1) for use in the discussions of this Sub-Committee, I notice on page 11 the following passage regarding the Universal Postal Union:

"In its application to the Universal Postal Union (hereinafter called "the Union") the Convention shall operate subject to the following modification:

The privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in Section 23 of the Convention shall be accorded only to the Secretary-General of the Union."

Allow me to draw your attention to the fact that under Article 10 of the "Statute of the International Offices placed under supervision of the authorities of the Swiss Federation", which now govern, among other institutions, the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union (three copies of this Statute were sent to your Secretariat by Air Mail letter No. 8141 on 25 September last), the directors, deputy-directors and advisers of the International Offices having their headquarters at Berne who are not

/of Swiss nationality,

of Swiss nationality, together with members of their family, shall enjoy, for the period of their office, the same privileges and immunities as members of the Diplomatic Corps at Berne.

This being so, I do not think that the amendment proposed by the Rapporteur of the Sub-Committee will impair the status in Switzerland, during their period of office, of the deputy-director and advisers of my International Bureau who are not of Swiss nationality as, under the provisions of Section 46 of the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies that is shortly to be submitted for approval to the General Assembly of the United Nations, the provisions of this Convention "shall not in any way limit or prejudice the privileges and immunities which have been or may hereafter be accorded by any state to any Specialized Agency by reason of the location in the territory of that State of its headquarters or regional offices".

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Mouri

Director
