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Article 24

Inviolability of the premises of the permanent mission

1. The premises of the permanent mission shall be inviolable. The agents of the host State may not enter them, except with the consent of the permanent representative. Such consent may be assumed in case of fire or other disaster that seriously endangers public safety, and only in the event that it has not been possible to obtain the express consent of the permanent representative.
2. The host State is under a special duty to take all appropriate steps to protect the premises of the permanent mission against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of the permanent mission or impairment of its dignity.
3. The premises of the permanent mission, their furnishings and other property thereon and the means of transport of the permanent mission shall be immune from search, requisition, attachment or execution.

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Article 25

Exemption of the premises of the permanent mission
from taxation

1. The sending State, the permanent representative or another member of the permanent mission acting on behalf of the mission shall be exempt from all national, regional or municipal dues and taxes in respect of the premises of the permanent mission, whether owned or leased, other than such as represent payment for specific services rendered.
2. The exemption from taxation referred to in this article shall not apply to such dues and taxes payable under the law of the host State by persons contracting with the sending State, the permanent representative or another member of the permanent mission acting on behalf of the mission.