Article 8
Funds, Currency and Securities

The Commission may receive, acquire, hold and dispose of freely any kind of funds, gold, currencies or securities.

Article 9
Communications

1. All official communications directed to the Commission, or to any of its staff members at the Secretariat, and all official outward communications of the Commission, by whatever means or in whatever form transmitted, shall be immune from censorship and from any other form of interception or interference with their privacy. Should there be reasonable cause to believe that apparently official communications contain unlawful or dangerous materials, they may be opened by the Japanese authorities in the presence of any of staff members, provided, however, that no such staff members need be present if those materials appear to present an immediate physical danger.

2. In respect of its official communications, the Commission shall, in the territory of Japan and in so far as may be compatible with any international conventions, regulations and arrangements to which Japan is a party, enjoy treatment not less favorable than that accorded by the Government to any other international organization in the matter of priorities, rates and taxes for post and telecommunications.

Article 10
Privileges and Immunities of Staff Members

1. The staff members shall enjoy the following privileges and immunities:

(a) immunity from every form of legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in their official capacity except in the case of a motor traffic offence committed by any of staff members or in the case of damage caused by a motor vehicle belonging to, driven by or operated on behalf of any of staff members, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned may have ceased to be staff members of the Commission;

(b) exemption from taxation on the salaries and emoluments paid to them by the Commission;

(c) exemption with respect to themselves and their dependants from immigration restrictions and charges for visas;

(d) the same privileges in respect of exchange facilities as are accorded to a diplomatic agent in Japan;

(e) the same repatriation facilities as a diplomatic agent in time of international crises, for themselves and their dependants;

(f) the right to import free of customs duties their furniture and personal effects at the time of first taking up their post in Japan;

(g) exemption with respect to themselves and their dependants from national service obligations.

2. The subparagraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of paragraph 1 of this Article shall not apply to staff members who are nationals of or permanently resident in Japan.

Article 11
Social Security

1. The staff members who are not nationals of or permanently resident in Japan shall not be required to participate in, and the Commission with respect to these staff members shall be exempt from all compulsory contributions to, any social security scheme established by the law of Japan.

2. The Commission shall make necessary provision to enable staff members who are nationals of or permanently resident in Japan to participate in the social security scheme of Japan.