2. Within the scope of non-commercial activities connected with the Exhibition of the Offices of the Section Commissioners-General, the Offices of the Section Commissioners-General shall be exempt from customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles imported by the Offices of the Section Commissioners-General in accordance with the laws and regulations of Japan. Notwithstanding such exemption, articles imported under such exemption shall be subject to the prohibitions or restrictions imposed under the laws and regulations of Japan on grounds of public morality or order, public security, public hygiene or health, or for veterinary or phytopathological considerations, or relating to the protection of patents, trademarks, copyright and the right of reproduction. It is also understood that articles imported under such exemption will not be sold in Japan except under conditions agreed with the Government of Japan.

3. The Offices of the Section Commissioners-General may receive a refund of the consumption tax and the local consumption tax paid in the procurement of the following goods and services in Japan under certain conditions and procedures in accordance with the laws and regulations on the consumption tax and local consumption tax of Japan:

(a) goods and services procured for the construction, installation and dismantlement of their pavilions in the Exhibition; and

(b) goods and services procured for the operation of the Offices of the Section Commissioners-General.

Article 5

1. Within the scope of non-commercial activities connected with the Exhibition of the BIE, the BIE and its property, assets and income shall be exempt in Japan from all direct taxes except those which are, in fact, no more than charges for public services.

2. The BIE may receive a refund of the consumption tax and the local consumption tax paid in the procurement of goods and services for the operation of the BIE in Japan under certain conditions and procedures in accordance with the laws and regulations on the consumption tax and local consumption tax of Japan.

Article 6

The Offices of the Section Commissioners-General and the BIE may receive, acquire, hold and dispose of freely any kind of funds, gold, currencies or securities in accordance with the laws and regulations of Japan.

Article 7

The Offices of the Section Commissioners-General may use, free of charge, radio stations for which neither licence nor registration is required for their establishment under the laws and regulations of Japan.

Article 8

1. Within the scope of non-commercial activities connected with the Exhibition of the Offices of the Section Commissioners-General, the staff of the Offices of the Section Commissioners-General who visit Japan for the purpose of the Exhibition shall enjoy the following privileges and immunities in Japan:

(a) exemption from taxation on the salaries and emoluments derived in respect of an employment or other activity that is exercised in Japan for non-commercial activities connected with the Exhibition of the Offices of the Section Commissioners-General;

(b) the right to import free of customs duties their furniture and personal effects, including one motor vehicle each, at the time of first taking up their post in Japan in accordance with customs laws and regulations of Japan; and

(c) exemption from all direct taxes relating to the vehicle referred to in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article shall not apply to the staff of the Offices of the Section Commissioners-General who are nationals of, or permanently resident in, Japan.

Article 9

1. Within the scope of non-commercial activities connected with the Exhibition of the BIE, the representatives of the BIE who visit Japan for the purpose of the Exhibition shall enjoy the following privileges and immunities in Japan: