

NOTICE 1449 OF 2002

It is hereby published for general information that the Minister of Foreign Affairs has, in terms of section 6 (2) of the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act, 2001 (Act No. 37 of 2001), recognised the World Summit on Sustainable Development to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 24 August to 4 September 2002 for the purposes of granting the immunities and privileges set out in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA REGARDING
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT****ARTICLE XI****PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**

1. The Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") shall be applicable in respect of the Summit. In particular, the representatives of States referred to in Article II, paragraph 1 (a) above, shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under Article IV of the Convention, the officials of the United Nations, performing functions in connection with the Summit referred to in Article II, paragraphs 1 (h) and 2 above, shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under Articles V and VII of the Convention, and any experts on mission for the United Nations in connection with the Summit referred to in Article II, paragraph 1 (g), shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under Article VI and VII of the Convention.
2. The participants referred to in Article II, paragraph 1 (b), (c) and (i) above, shall enjoy immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and any act performed by them in connection with their participation in the Summit. The observers referred to in Article II, paragraph 1 (e) and (f) above, shall be accorded the appropriate facilities necessary for the independent exercise of their activities in connection with the Summit.
3. In carrying out their official functions for the United Nations, the personnel provided by the Government under Article VIII above, shall enjoy immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and any act performed by them in their official capacity in connection with the Summit.
4. The representatives of the specialized or related agencies, referred to in Article II, paragraph 1 (d) above, shall enjoy the privileges and immunities of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies or the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency, as appropriate.
5. Without prejudice to the preceding paragraphs of the present Article, all persons performing functions in connection with the Summit, and all those invited or accredited to the Summit, shall enjoy, as applicable the privileges, immunities and/or facilities necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the Summit. Representatives of the press or of other information media shall be accorded the appropriate facilities necessary for the independent exercise of their activities in connection with the Summit.
6. All persons referred to in Article II, shall have the right of entry into and exit from South Africa, and no impediment shall be imposed on their transit to and from the Summit area. Visas and entry permits, where required, shall be granted to all those invited to the Summit free of charge, as speedily as possible and not later than two weeks before the date of the opening of the Summit. If the application for the visa is not made at least two-and-a-half weeks before the opening of the Summit, the visa shall be granted no later than three days from the receipt of the application. Arrangements shall also be made to ensure that visas for the duration of the Summit between 26 August to 4 September 2002 are delivered at the airport of arrival to those who were unable to obtain them prior to their arrival.
7. Distinguished guests officially invited to the Summit by the Government shall be given access to the Summit area by the United Nations.
8. For the purpose of the application of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, the Summit premises shall be deemed to constitute premises of the United Nations and access thereto shall be under the control and authority of the United Nations. The premises shall be inviolable for the duration of the Summit, including the preparatory stage and winding up.
9. All persons referred to in Article II above shall have the right to take out of South Africa at the time of their departure, without any restriction, any unexpended portions of the funds they brought into South Africa in connection with the Summit and to reconvert any such funds at the prevailing market rate.