

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 29 OF 1993

**The Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act**  
(Laws, Volume I, Cap. 36)

**The Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges (International  
Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Re-  
sources) Order, 1993**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the President by section four of the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act, the following Order is hereby made:

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| 1. This Order may be cited as the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges (International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) Order, 1993.  | Title   |
| 2. The International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (hereinafter referred to as "the IUCN") is hereby declared to be an organisation of which the Government and governments of certain other States are members.   | Declaration under section 4 Cap. 36   |
| 3. The IUCN shall have the legal capacity of a body corporate.  | Legal capacity  |
| 4. Except in so far as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity, the IUCN shall have immunity from suit and legal process:<br><br>Provided that no waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution. | Immunity from suit and legal process  |
| 5. The IUCN shall have the like inviolability of official archives and premises occupied as offices as is accorded in respect of a diplomatic agent of a sending State accredited to Zambia.  | Inviolability of official archives and premises   |
| 6. The official communications of the IUCN shall be accorded the same treatment as that accorded to official communications of international organisations and diplomatic missions.   | Official communication to be accorded same treatment as that of international organisations and diplomatic missions |

Exemption from taxes and customs duties etc.

7. (1) The IUCN, its operations and transactions, shall be exempt from all taxation and from all customs, prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles imported or exported by the IUCN for its official use.

(2) The IUCN shall also be exempt from any obligations relating to the payment, withholding or collection of any tax or duty.

Relief from rates and taxes on obligations or securities guaranteed by IUCN

8. The IUCN shall have the like exemption from rates and from taxes on any obligations or securities issued and securities guaranteed by it including any dividends or interest thereon, by whomsoever held, as is accorded to a sending State.

Privileges and immunities of IUCN officials

9. The officials of IUCN, including advisors and consultants, participants of conferences and seminars organised by the IUCN Office shall, while in the territory of Zambia, enjoy—

(a) immunity from legal process of any kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts performed by them in and during their official duties, and this immunity shall continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned may have ceased to be officials of the IUCN office.

(b) exemption for officials of the IUCN Office who are not nationals or residents including their dependants from all resident and local taxes, including taxes imposed on personal income such as salaries, emoluments, indemnities and pensions paid to them by the IUCN office;

Provided that all the conditions, rules and regulations applicable in this connection to officials of other international organisations who are posted in Zambia and have been granted similar status by the Government shall equally apply to the said officials of the IUCN office;

(c) Immunity from national service obligations:

Provided that with respect to Zambian nationals, such exemptions shall be confined to officials whose name shall by reason of their duties, be placed on a list compiled by the Director-General of the IUCN and approved by the Government;

(d) subject to the prevailing exchange control regulations the same privileges in respect of monetary exchange facilities as are accorded to officials of comparable rank forming part of diplomatic missions to the Government;

(e) the same repatriation facilities in time of national and international crisis together with members of their families and their personal employees as those accorded to diplomatic envoys;



- (f) exemption for officials of the IUCN office, other than officials who are nationals of Zambia or who are permanent foreign residents of Zambia, from any form of direct taxation on income derived from sources outside Zambia;
- (g) in the case of officials of the IUCN Office who have been granted diplomatic status by the Government and who have been resident in Zambia for not more than three years or such other period as may be agreed to by the Government, freedom, on the same conditions, rules and regulations as those applicable to officials of other international organisations who are posted in Zambia and have been granted diplomatic status by the Government, to acquire and maintain within Zambia out of funds derived from sources outside Zambia;
- (h) the right to import and export free of duties, taxes and other levies, prohibitions and restrictions on imports, articles intended for their personal and household use including one motor vehicle for personal use:
- Provided that such articles are owned and imported by the officials at the time of their first arrival in Zambia, and at reasonable intervals;
- (i) in the event of fire, theft or an accident causing major damage to a motor vehicle acquired under the Agreement, the privilege of tax and duty-free purchase of a replacement vehicle, subject to the regulations governing sale or disposal of vehicles for officials of international organisations who are posted in Zambia;

In this paragraph "Agreement" means the Agreement between the Government of Zambia and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

F. T. J. CHILUBA,  
*President*

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17th December, 1992

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