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CONVENTION ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES  
APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON 21 NOVEMBER 1947  
OBJECTION BY THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Sir,

I have the honour, upon instructions from the Secretary-General, to refer to letter C.N.284.1974.TREATIES-5 of 7 November 1974 concerning the accession by the Government of the German Democratic Republic to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 November 1947.

In this connexion, I wish to inform you that, on 20 November 1974, the Secretary-General received from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations a note concerning the reservation formulated by the Government of the German Democratic Republic upon accession relating to Sections 24 and 32 of the Convention with regard to the competence of the International Court of Justice in disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention, which states in part:

"The United Kingdom Government wish to put on record that they are unable to accept that reservation because, in their view, it is not of a kind which intending parties to the Convention have the right to make."

It is also stated in the said note that:

"The Government of the United Kingdom reserve the right to comment, at a later stage, on the declaration by the Government of the German Democratic Republic relating to the extension of the Convention to the Western Sectors of Berlin, which is also referred to in the Legal Counsel's letter."

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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The Legal Counsel