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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 TO A RESERVATION  
MADE BY CHINA UPON ACCESSION

Sir,

I have the honour, upon instructions from the Secretary-General, to refer to letter C.N.195.1979.TREATIES-5 of 20 September 1979 concerning the accession by China, with reservation, 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 6 November 1979, the Secretary-General received from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the following objection to the reservation made by China:

"The instrument of accession deposited by the Government of China contains a reservation relating to section 32, Article IX of the Convention concerning the competence of the International Court of Justice in disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have consistently stated that they are unable to accept reservations in respect of section 32, Article IX. In their view, these are not the kind of reservations which intending parties to the Convention have the right to make.

Accordingly, the Government of the United Kingdom do not accept the reservations entered by the Government of the People's Republic of China against section 32 of the convention."

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Erik Suy  
 The Legal Counsel

Sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
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