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CONVENTION ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ON 13 FEBRUARY 1946

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.194.1979.TREATIES-1 of 20 September 1979 concerning the accession by the Government of China, with reservation, to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946.

In this connexion, I wish to inform you that, on 8 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 30, Article VIII 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 30, Article VIII. 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 30 of the Convention."

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Erik Suy
The Legal Counsel

Sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of Member States

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