

Headquarters Agreement between the Commission and Australia

38. The Commission discussed the draft Headquarters Agreement submitted by the Australian Delegation. No consensus was reached on the terms of a comprehensive Headquarters Agreement. The Commission agreed on the text of a draft interim Agreement concerning certain privileges and immunities to be concluded between itself and the Australian Government. The Commission decided that this interim Agreement should be without prejudice to the positions of the members of the Commission with regard to the future negotiation of a comprehensive Headquarters Agreement and should not be regarded as a precedent. The Commission agreed that every effort should be made to conclude a comprehensive agreement as soon as possible.

39. Pending the conclusion of a comprehensive Headquarters Agreement, the Government of Australia will accord to the representatives of Contracting Parties to, and signatories of, the Convention attending meetings of the Commission privileges, immunities and facilities commonly granted in accordance with international law and practice.

40. The Government of Australia will do its utmost to provide privileges, immunities and facilities to the staff of the Commission necessary for its proper functioning.

41. The Commission authorised the Executive Secretary to sign the Interim Agreement on its behalf.