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**THE DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (ECOCEN) ORDER 1970**

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ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 23rd day of November  
1970

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. SIR KEITH HOLYOAKE, G.C.M.G., C.H., PRESIDING IN  
COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968, His  
Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and  
consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following order.

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O R D E R

**1. Title**—This order may be cited as the Diplomatic Privileges  
(ECOCEN) Order 1970.

**2. Declaration as to Centre**—The Economic Co-operation Centre for  
the Asian and Pacific Region (hereinafter called the organisation) is  
hereby declared to be an organisation, the members of which are the  
Governments of States.

*Privileges and Immunities of the Organisation*

**3. Body corporate**—The organisation shall have the legal capacities of  
a body corporate.

**4. Immunity from suit**—Except in so far as in any particular case it  
has expressly waived its immunity, the organisation shall have immunity  
from suit and legal process.

**5. Inviolability of premises and archives**—The organisation shall have  
the like inviolability of official premises and official archives as is  
accorded in respect of the official premises and official archives of a  
diplomatic mission.

**6. Immunity of property**—The organisation shall have immunity in  
relation to its property and assets from search, requisition, confiscation,  
expropriation, or any other form of interference.

**7. Exemption from taxes and rates**—The organisation shall have the like exemption from taxes and rates, other than taxes on the importation of goods, as is accorded to the Government of any foreign State.

**8. Exemption from taxes on importation of goods**—The organisation shall have exemption from taxes on the importation of goods directly imported by the organisation for its official use in New Zealand, subject to compliance with such conditions as the Minister of Customs may prescribe for the protection of the revenue.

*Privileges and Immunities of High Officers, Persons Employed on Missions, and Other Officials*

**9. Privileges and immunities of high officers, persons employed on missions, and other officials**—Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the organisation, the Director of the organisation (or any officer acting for him during his absence from duty), persons employed on missions on behalf of the organisation, and other officials of the organisation shall be accorded immunity from suit and legal process in respect of things done or omitted to be done in the course of the performance of their official duties and exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them for services while performing their official duties.

P. J. BROOKS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This order specifies the privileges and immunities that are conferred on the Economic Co-operation Centre for the Asian and Pacific Region and on officials of that organisation.

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