TITLE 22 - FOREIGN RELATIONS AND INTERCOURSE
CHAPTER 7 - INTERNATIONAL BUREAUS, CONGRESSES, ETC.
SUBCHAPTER XVIII - PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS

§ 288. “International organization” defined; authority of President

For the purposes of this subchapter, the term “international organization” means a public
international organization in which the United States participates pursuant to any treaty or under
the authority of any Act of Congress authorizing such participation or making an appropriation
for such participation, and which shall have been designated by the President through appropriate
Executive order as being entitled to enjoy the privileges, exemptions, and immunities provided in
this subchapter. The President shall be authorized, in the light of the functions performed by any
such international organization, by appropriate Executive order to withhold or withdraw from any
such organization or its officers or employees any of the privileges, exemptions, and immunities
provided for in this subchapter (including the amendments made by this subchapter) or to condition
or limit the enjoyment by any such organization or its officers or employees of any such privilege,
exemption, or immunity. The President shall be authorized, if in his judgment such action should
be justified by reason of the abuse by an international organization or its officers and employees of
the privileges, exemptions, and immunities provided in this subchapter or for any other reason, at
any time to revoke the designation of any international organization under this section, whereupon
the international organization in question shall cease to be classed as an international organization
for the purposes of this subchapter.

(Dec. 29, 1945, ch. 652, title I, § 1, 59 Stat. 669.)

References in Text
This subchapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title I of act Dec. 29, 1945, ch. 652, 59
Stat. 669, which is classified principally to this subchapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Short
Title note set out below and Tables.

Short Title of 2010 Amendment
may be cited as the ‘Extending Immunities to the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina and
the International Civilian Office in Kosovo Act of 2010’.”

Short Title
Section 10 of title I of act Dec. 29, 1945, provided that: “This title [enacting this subchapter and amending section 215
of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality, sections 116, 1607, 1621, 3466, 3469, 3475, and 3797 of Internal Revenue Code,
1939, and section 409 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] may be cited as the ‘International Organizations
Immunities Act’.”

International Cotton Advisory Committee
Pub. L. 104–127, title II, § 283, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 980, provided that:
“(a) In General.—The President shall ensure that the Government of the United States participates as a full member
of the International Cotton Advisory Committee.
“(b) Representation by the Secretary.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall represent the Government of the United
States as a member of the International Cotton Advisory Committee and shall delegate the primary responsibility to
represent the Government of the United States to appropriately qualified individuals.”
Administrative Supplies for International Organizations

Act Aug. 4, 1947, ch. 479, 61 Stat. 752, provided for the procurement and furnishing of administrative supplies by the Treasury Department to international organizations until July 1, 1948. This act was popularly known as the “International Organizations Procurement Act of 1947.”

Public International Organizations Designated by Statute

The following organizations shall be considered public international organizations for purposes of this section:

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. See section 7622 of this title.

The International Development Law Institute. See section 288j of this title.

Public International Organizations Entitled To Enjoy Certain Privileges, Exemptions, and Immunities

International organizations were designated by executive order as public international organizations entitled to enjoy the privileges, exemptions, and immunities conferred by the International Organizations Immunities Act (this subchapter) as follows:


Provisional Intergovernmental Committee for the Movement of Migrants from Europe (now known as the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration), Ex. Ord. No. 10335, Mar. 28, 1952, 17 F.R. 2741.

Public International Organizations Formerly Entitled To Enjoy Certain Privileges, Exemptions, and Immunities

Executive orders designating international organizations as public international organizations entitled to enjoy the privileges, exemptions, and immunities conferred by the International Organizations Immunities Act (this subchapter) were revoked as follows:


**Revocation of Executive Order Nos. 9721 and 10103**