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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY**No. 720****30 September 2013****ARTICLE 11
PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**

1. The **Government** shall accord the staff of the **Commission**, delegates and other representatives of International Organizations and all participants attending the Conference the privileges and immunities as set forth in Sections C and D, Articles V and VI of the General Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Organization of African Unity of 1965 and the International Organisations (privileges and immunities) Act.

2. The representatives of the organizations invited by the AU and observers accredited to the AU and attending the Conference shall enjoy the necessary immunities and privileges as stated in the General Convention referred to in (1) above, and subject to the same conditions as stipulated in the said paragraph.

In keeping with the African Union legal format, we would prefer to keep using this phrase in order to maintain consistency as in previous agreements of similar format.

- (a) The **Government** shall provide all the necessary facilities for the entry and exit to and from South Africa to all those persons who are mentioned above and/or who are performing duties connected with the Conference.

- (b) Visas shall be issued in accordance with the domestic law in force in the territory of the **Government** to holders of diplomatic and official passports upon arrival at the port of entry, especially to those coming from countries where South Africa does not have diplomatic missions and who were not able to obtain visas before coming to South Africa. It should be noted that staff members of the **Commission** holding **AU Laissez Passer** shall not be required to obtain entry visas as per the decision adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, in June 1998.

3. Without derogating from the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, all participants and all persons performing duties within and in connection with the Conference shall enjoy facilities and courtesies as are necessary for the efficient performance of their duties.