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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be addressed. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

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**DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES ACT  
(CAP. 99 LFN)**

**DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES (REGIONAL  
CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL  
ARBITRATION) ORDER**

*Commencement: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2001*

**In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 11 of the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, ALHAJI SULE LAMIDO, Minister of Foreign Affairs, hereby make the following Order:-**

**DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY CONFERRED ON THE CENTRE**

1. The Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (in this Order referred to as "the Centre") is hereby established in Nigeria for the purpose of its objectives as spelt out in its Headquarters Agreement.

Establishment  
of the Regional  
Centre for  
International  
Commercial  
Arbitration.

2. The Centre shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate.

Legal capacity.

3. All the properties, archives and assets of the Centre shall be exempted from search, requisition and confiscation.

Exemption  
from search,  
etc.

4.-(1) The offices and properties of the Centre shall be exempted from levies in respect of certain non-beneficial rates and taxes, that is to say property and other municipal taxes normally payable by property owners but which are not charges levied for specific services rendered.

Exemption  
from certain  
taxes, rates  
and customs  
duties.

(2) All goods which are imported or exported by the Centre and which are necessary for the proper performance of the Centre's activities, shall be exempted from all customs duties and other charges excepting payments for services rendered; and for the sole purpose of servicing its conferences and similar programmes.

(3) The Centre shall have exemption from prohibition and restriction on the publication and dissemination of data on arbitration relating to Nigeria.

Immunities  
and privileges  
of the  
Director, etc.

5.-(1) The Director of the Centre, except in so far as in any particular case the immunity is waived by the Centre, shall enjoy personal immunities for acts performed in pursuance of his duties, etc. as chief executive of the Centre.

(2) The Director of the Centre shall enjoy the following privileges, that is:-

(a) exemption from import duty in respect of articles imported including duty free purchase of motor vehicle;

(b) exemption from payment of customs duties for a limited quantity and assortment of drinks and tobacco for official entertainment.

Immunities of  
persons  
engaged.

6.-(1) Except in so far as in any particular case, any privilege or immunity is waived by the Centre, officials of the Centre shall enjoy:-

(a) while exercising their functions as such and during any journey to and from the Centre, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability of all papers and documents relating to the work of the Centre;

(b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in exercise of those functions (not being traffic offences or damage caused by motor vehicles);

(c) exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by foreign professional staff as officers or servants of the Centre.

(2) Each official of the Centre shall be entitled to exemption from import duty in respect of articles imported including one duty free car which shall be utilized within nine months of taking up his post.

(3) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as entitling any person to enjoy such Immunity or exemption if he is a Nigerian, a permanent foreign resident of Nigeria or a locally recruited staff, save for the purpose of exercising the privileges and immunities conferred on the Centre.

7. This Order may be cited as the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges (Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration) Order 2001. Citation.

**MADE** at Abuja this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2001

**ALHAJI SULE LAMIDO**  
*Minister of Foreign Affairs*





