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SCHEDULE 11

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

Registrar and the officials

7.--(1) The Registrar, when engaged on the business of the Tribunal, shall enjoy-

- (a) the like immunity from suit and legal process as is accorded to or in respect of a diplomatic agent;
- (b) the like inviolability of residence as is accorded to or in respect of a diplomatic agent;
- (c) the like immunity from personal arrest, detention and seizure of personal baggage as is accorded to or in respect of a diplomatic agent; and
- (d) the like exemption or relief from local taxes (as described in the exception in Section A1 of Part II of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998) as is accorded to or in respect of a diplomatic agent.

(2) Sub paragraph (1) shall not operate so as to confer any immunity or privilege on any person who is a British citizen, a British overseas territories citizen, a British Overseas citizen or a British National (Overseas) or who is permanently resident in the United Kingdom.

(3) But any such person (as is described in sub-paragraph (2)) who is the Registrar shall enjoy immunity from suit and legal process (even after ceasing to exercise official functions) in respect of acts, including words written or spoken, done by the person in the course of discharging functions in connection with the Tribunal.

(4) Immunities and privileges accorded by this paragraph may be waived by the Tribunal.

8.—(1) Officials of the Tribunal (other than the Registrar), when engaged on the business of the Tribunal and as necessary for the independent exercise of their functions, shall enjoy–

- (a) immunity from suit and legal process (even after they have ceased to exercise their functions) in respect of acts, including words written or spoken, done by them in the course of discharging their functions for the Tribunal; and
- (b) the like immunity from personal arrest, detention and seizure of personal baggage as is accorded to a diplomatic agent.

(2) Sub paragraph (1)(b) shall not operate so as to confer any immunity or privilege on any person who is a British citizen, a British overseas territories citizen, a British Overseas citizen or a British National (Overseas) or who is permanently resident in the United Kingdom.

(3) Where the incidence of any form of local taxes (as described in the exception in Section A1 of Part II of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998) depends on residence, any period during which officials of the Tribunal are present in the United Kingdom for the discharge of their functions shall not be considered as a period of residence in the United Kingdom.

(4) Immunities and privileges accorded by this paragraph may be waived by the Registrar acting with the approval of the President of the Tribunal.