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**STATUS OF THE CONVENTION ON
PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE AGENCY
MEMORANDUM OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

1. The obligation of the States Parties to sign and ratify the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of OPANAL is found in Article 23, which reads: “The Agency shall enjoy in the territory of each of the Contracting Parties such legal capacity and such privileges and immunities as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfillment of its purposes.”
2. Furthermore, paragraph 2 of the same article reads: “Representatives of the Contracting Parties accredited to the Agency and officials of the Agency shall similarly enjoy such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the performance of their functions.” Paragraph 3 reads: “The Agency may conclude agreements with the Contracting Parties with a view to determining the details of the application of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article.”
3. The current status of signature and ratification is described in detail in the Council’s Report.
4. The Secretary General informs that the following countries have not signed the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the Agency: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago. The following countries have signed but not ratified the Convention: Bolivia, Brazil and Honduras.
5. The Secretary General respectfully exhorts those Member States that have yet to sign or ratify the Convention to do so as soon as possible, bearing in mind that universal implementation of the Treaty of Tlatelolco has been achieved.