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BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

APPOINTING TUESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX, A BANK HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT ENGLAND, WALES AND NORTHERN IRELAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE BANK HOLIDAYS ACT, 1871.

GEORGE R.I.

Whereas We consider it desirable that Tuesday, the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-six, shall be kept as a close holiday in all banks in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and shall, as regards bills of Exchange and promissory notes payable in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, be deemed to be a bank holiday for all the purposes of the Bank Holidays Act, 1871:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section four of the said Act, We do by this Our Royal Proclamation, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, appoint the said first day of January to be observed as a bank holiday throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

And We do declare that this Proclamation does not have the effect of making the said day a holiday under, or for the purposes of, the Holidays Extension Act, 1875.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five and in the ninth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 7th day of December, 1945.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.
WHEREAS by Section I of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1944 (7 and 8 Geo. VI. Ch. 44), hereinafter referred to as the Act, it is enacted that the provisions of that Section shall apply to any organization declared by Order in Council to be an organization of which His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government or Governments of one or more foreign sovereign powers are members, and that His Majesty may by Order in Council provide that any such organization shall, to the extent specified in the Order, have the immunities and privileges set out in Part I of the Schedule to the Act, and confer upon officers and servants of the organization the immunities and privileges set out in Parts II or III of the said Schedule to the extent specified in the Order:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by the aforesaid Act or otherwise in His Majesty vested, is pleased by and with the advice of His Privy Council to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Article 1. The United Nations Organization set up by the Charter signed at San Francisco on the

26th June, 1945 (hereinafter referred to as the Organization), and the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations set up by the Agreement Establishing the Commission signed at San Francisco on the same date (hereinafter referred to as the Preparatory Commission) are respectively organizations of which His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Governments of foreign sovereign powers are members.

Article 2. The Organization and, until its determination on the appointment of the Secretary-General of the Organization, the Preparatory Commission, shall have the immunities and privileges set forth in Part I of the Schedule to the Act.

Article 3.—(1) The persons to whom this Article applies, not being British subjects and not exceeding at any one time ten in number, shall, for the period for which their names appear as persons so entitled on the list compiled by the Secretary of State in accordance with sub-section (3) of Section I of the Act, have all the immunities and privileges specified in Part II of the Schedule to the Act, save to the extent that the Organization or the Preparatory Commission, as the case may be, waives any of the said immunities and privileges in any given case.

(2) the persons to whom this Article applies are

(a) the Secretary-General and any Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization and any other officer of the Organization holding a rank equivalent to Assistant Secretary-General; and

(b) pending the appointment of the Secretary-General of the Organization, the Executive Secretary and Deputy Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission and any other officer of the Preparatory Commission holding a rank equivalent to Deputy Executive Secretary.

Article 4.—(1) The persons to whom this Article applies shall have the immunities and privileges specified in paragraph 1 of Part III of the Schedule to the Act and, if they are nationals or citizens of, or belong to, any part of His Majesty's dominions outside the United Kingdom, those specified in paragraph 2 (a) thereof:

Provided that—

(i) in the case of persons referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article, the Organization or the Preparatory Commission, as the case may be, may waive any immunity or privilege; and

(ii) the exemption or relief from taxes and rates, specified in the said paragraph 2 (a) of Part III of the Schedule to the Act, shall not extend to any person whose usual place of abode is in the United Kingdom.

(2) This Article applies to British subjects who hold in the Organization or in the Preparatory Commission, as the case may be, any of the offices referred to in Article 3 (2) hereof.

Article 5.—(1) The persons to whom this Article applies shall have the immunities and privileges