

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Privileges and Immunities

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and CHINA**

Effected by Exchange of Notes
Done at Washington January 5, 1981



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

CHINA

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*Agreement effected by exchange of notes
Done at Washington January 5, 1981;
Entered into force January 5, 1981.*

The Department of State refers to the Note of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China dated November 25, 1980, in response to the Department's Note dated August 3, 1979, on the question of privileges and immunities for the staff of the respective diplomatic missions in Washington and Beijing. Based upon the exchange of views contained in these notes, the Department proposes that agreement be reached on this matter as follows:

1. All members of the staff of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Washington and members of their families will be accorded the privileges and immunities of diplomatic agents and members of their families under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

2. All members of the staff of the Embassy of the United States of America in Beijing and members of their families will be accorded the privileges and immunities of diplomatic agents and members of their families under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

3. The stated privileges and immunities will not be accorded to persons who are nationals or permanent residents of the receiving State.

4. Either side may propose revisions to this agreement.

5. Either side may terminate this agreement by giving six months written notice to the other.

This note and the Embassy's reply confirming its contents shall constitute an agreement between the two sides.

Department of State,

No. 001/81

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China refers to the Note of the Department of State dated January 5, 1981, relating to the privileges and immunities for the respective diplomatic missions in Washington and Beijing, which Note contains the following proposed agreement:

" 1. All members of the staff of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Washington and members of their families will be accorded the privileges and immunities of diplomatic agents and members of their families under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

" 2. All members of the staff of the Embassy of the United States of America in Beijing and members of their families will be accorded the privileges and immunities of diplomatic agents and members of their families under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

" 3. The stated privileges and immunities will not be accorded to persons who are nationals or permanent residents of the receiving State.

" 4. Either side may propose revisions to this agreement.

" 5. Either side may terminate this agreement by giving six months written notice to the other. "

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China confirms the contents of the Department's Note and herewith inform the Department of its agreement thereto.

Washington, 1981



Department of State of
the United States of America
Washington, D.C.