

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET BY THE HON. PRIME MINISTERExemption of United Nations Aircraft
From Landing and Other Airport Charges

The Secretary for Technical Co-operation has informed this Government that it has been decided that in accordance with generally accepted practice, United Nations Aircraft will be exempted from the payment of landing, housing and parking fees at United Kingdom Airports and that this exemption will last until September 1963 in the first instance subject to review of the position at the end of that period and on the understanding that the British Government reserves the right to impose a charge in any particular case.

2. This exemption extends only to cases in which the United Nations would be direct beneficiaries but does not, for example, cover those cases in which aircraft have been commercially chartered by the United Nations and where the amount of the fee would accrue to the financial advantage of the private company.

3. Overseas Governments have been invited to extend similar facilities to United Nations Civil Aircraft.

4. The Director of Civil Aviation agrees that a similar exemption from fees including overflying charges should be accorded to United Nation Civil Aircraft which make use of our facilities. The loss of revenue would only be very small; in fact no case of a UNO aircraft operating in the Malta Flight Information Region can be recalled. If the exemption is granted, each case of exemption will only be granted after U.N.O. has confirmed that the Organization will be the direct beneficiary.

5. There are no finance objections to the grant of the exemption in question subject to the procedure in the preceding paragraph being adhered to.

6. Hon Ministers are invited to state whether they agree that in accordance with the Fees Ordinance (Cap 58) His Excellency the Governor be advised to approve the exemption of UNO aircraft subject to the procedure mentioned in paragraph 4 above.

25th May, 1963.