The use, alteration and the construction of real property by foreign governments is subject to compliance with the applicable zoning and building laws of the City of New York. Prior to approval by the Department of Buildings, these applications (such as for a U.N. Mission, a consulate general or official residences for diplomatic personnel) must include a "Letter of No Objection" from the Office of Foreign Missions of the United States Department of State.

Plan Examiners must issue an objection to any filing by a foreign government that does not include this documentation. The objection should be entered as a "Required Item" in the computer and read as follows:

"Letter of No Objection from the U.S. Department of State Is Required."

Applicants should obtain this letter through the New York City Commission for the United Nations, Consular Corps and International Business located at 2 United Nations Plaza, 27th floor, New York, NY 10017.

In addition, unless the property is listed as tax exempt in the Department of Finance records, filing fees must be paid.