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## **Conference of the Parties**

### **Fifteenth session**

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Agenda item 1 (d)

### **Organizational matters**

### **Credentials of delegations**

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### **Final report of the Bureau to the Conference of the Parties**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, “credentials of representatives as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Permanent Secretariat, if possible, not later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Permanent Secretariat. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization”.

2. Furthermore, rule 20 of the rules of procedure provides that “the Bureau of any session shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision”.

3. The present final report is submitted to the Conference of the Parties in the light of the foregoing.

#### **II. Examination of credentials**

4. On 12 and 19 May 2022, the Bureau met to examine the credentials submitted by the Parties to the Convention.

5. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 19 May 2022 from the Executive Secretary on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Conference, as updated from the previous memorandum of 12 May 2022. The information contained in the memorandum dated 19 May 2022 is reflected below.

6. Formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided for in rule 19 of the rules of procedure, have been received by the secretariat from the representatives of the following 57 Parties participating in the Conference: Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cuba, Czechia, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, European Union, France, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Iceland, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Peru, Portugal, Republic of



Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

7. Credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs have been submitted by facsimile or photocopy from the representatives of the following 28 Parties: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Botswana, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Fiji, Finland, Grenada, Guyana, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Lebanon, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Seychelles, South Africa, Suriname, Switzerland, Turkey, and Uzbekistan.

8. Information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Conference has been communicated to the secretariat in the form of letters or Notes Verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other Government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 51 Parties participating in the Conference: Belize, Bhutan, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Qatar, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Sweden, Togo, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vietnam, Yemen and Zambia.

9. Formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs have been received by the secretariat from one observer: Holy See.

10. The President proposed that the Bureau should accept credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Executive Secretary dated 19 May 2022, on the understanding that formal credentials for the representatives referred in paragraphs 7 and 8 above would be communicated to the secretariat as soon as possible. The Bureau accepts the proposal and agrees to submit the present report and draft decision ICCD/COP(15)/L.16 to the Conference.

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