



Conference of the Parties

Sixteenth session

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Agenda item 1 (d)

Organizational matters

Credentials of delegations

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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 report is submitted to the Conference of the Parties in the light of the foregoing.

II. Examination of credentials

4. On 11 December 2024, the Bureau met to examine the credentials submitted by the Parties to the Convention.

5. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 11 December 2024 from the Executive Secretary on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Conference. The information contained in this memorandum and the oral update provided by the secretariat to the Bureau at its meeting are 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 89 Parties participating in the Conference: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China,



Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eswatini, European Union, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Saint Lucia, State of Palestine, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

7. Credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for the Foreign Affairs have been submitted by facsimile or photocopy from the representatives of the following 34 Parties: Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Cambodia, Canada, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, Gambia, Guyana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mali, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Nigeria, Palau, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Tuvalu, Ukraine, and Viet Nam.

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 17 Parties participating in the Conference: Antigua and Barbuda, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Ghana, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Rwanda, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan, and Vanuatu.

9. The President proposed that the Bureau should accept credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Executive Secretary and the oral update provided by the secretariat, on the understanding that formal credentials for the representatives referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 above would be communicated to the secretariat as soon as possible. The Bureau accepted the proposal and agreed to submit the present report to the Conference.

10. Decision [ICCD/COP\(16\)/L.11](#) in relation to this report will be proposed to the Conference for adoption.
