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## **Conference of the Parties**

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Agenda item 1 (d)

### **Organizational matters**

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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 no later than twenty-four 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 of 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 (COP) for decision”.
3. The present report is submitted to the COP in the light of the foregoing.

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

4. On 13 September 2017, the Bureau met to examine the credentials submitted by the Parties to the Convention.
5. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 13 September 2017 from the Executive Secretary on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Conference. The information contained in this memorandum 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 95 Parties participating in the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cook Islands, Croatia, Côte D'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, European Union, Finland, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Japan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam.

7. Credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Ministers for the Foreign Affairs have been submitted by facsimile or photocopy from the representatives of the following 53 Parties: Albania, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, France, Gabon, Haiti, India, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Myanmar, Netherlands, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Yemen.

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 6 Parties participating in the Conference: Ethiopia, Kyrgyzstan, Rwanda, Samoa, Sudan and Tuvalu.

9. The President proposed that the Bureau should accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Executive Secretary, 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 accepts the proposal and agrees to submit the present report and draft decision ICCD/COP(13)/L.3 to the Conference.