

Decision 29/COP.1

Credentials of representatives of Parties to the first session of
the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention
to Combat Desertification

The Conference of the Parties,

Having considered the report on credentials of the Bureau of the first session of the Conference of the Parties and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report on credentials submitted by the Bureau of the first session of the Conference of the Parties.

Report of the Bureau

Introduction

1. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, "(t)he 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 "(t)he 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.

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4. On 8 October 1997, the Bureau met to examine the credentials submitted by Parties to the Convention.
5. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 8 October 1997 from the Executive Secretary on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Conference. The information in this memorandum is reflected below.