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## **Conference of the Parties**

### **Fourteenth session**

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### **Organizational matters**

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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 5 and 12 September 2019, the Bureau met to examine the credentials submitted by the Parties to the Convention.

5. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 12 September 2019 from the Executive Secretary on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Conference, as updated from the previous memorandum of 5 September 2019. The information contained in this memorandum is reflected below.

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\* This document replaces a previous version, ICCD/COP(14)/21, which was issued in English only.



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 102 Parties participating in the Conference: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, China, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czechia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, European Union, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Oman, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Seychelles, South Africa, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Suriname, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, United States of America, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zambia.

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 followings 12 Parties: Canada, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Somalia and Tuvalu.

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 60 Parties participating in the Conference: Algeria, Angola, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Maldives, Malaysia, Nauru, Netherlands, Niger, Niue, North Macedonia, Norway, Paraguay, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

9. Formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs have been received by 1 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, 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(14)/L.5 to the Conference.