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**Conference of the Parties**

**Second extraordinary session**

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**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, 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 (COP) for decision”.

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

3. The present memorandum is the report on credentials and is hereby submitted for approval to the Bureau of the COP to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) at its second extraordinary session (COP (ES-2)) held through the written/silence procedure from 6 to 9 December 2021 in Bonn, Germany. It provides a list of Parties which, as of Tuesday 7 December 2021, had presented their credentials to the Bureau of the COP.

4. 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 47 Parties participating in the Conference: Armenia, Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Palau, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Suriname,



Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uruguay, United States of America, Viet Nam, and Zambia.

5. Owing to the extraordinary conditions under which the forthcoming COP (ES-2) was convened, the COP Bureau, at its meeting on 30 November, decided, on an exceptional basis, and limited to the COP (ES-2) session only, to accept – if necessary – a letter issued by the respective National Focal Point, in lieu of the formal credentials otherwise required by rules 19 and 20 of the COP rules of procedure.

6. In line with the above, information concerning the appointment of representatives 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, including notifications by UNCCD National Focal Points, by the following 73 Parties participating in the Conference: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, European Union, Fiji, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Micronesia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan and Yemen.

7. The President proposes that the Bureau accepts the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Executive Secretary, on the understanding that, formal credentials or nomination letters for the representatives of Parties that have not yet done so, will be communicated to the secretariat of the UNCCD as soon as possible. The Bureau accepts the proposal and agrees to submit the present report to the Conference.

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