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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 of the Conference of the Parties, “The 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 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 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 19 October 2011, the Bureau met to examine the credentials submitted by Parties to the Convention.

5. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 19 October 2011 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 86 Parties participating in the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cook Islands, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of the Congo, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Suriname, Swaziland, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia.
7. Credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs have been submitted by facsimile or photocopy from the representatives of the followings 18 Parties: Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Colombia, Denmark, Guatemala, Italy, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Namibia, Netherlands, Paraguay, Peru, Samoa, Spain and Uganda.
8. Credentials issued by ministers other than the Minister for Foreign Affairs and by embassies have been submitted by facsimile or photocopy from representatives of the following 3 Parties: Andorra, Brazil and Dominican Republic.
9. Credentials of the following observer State have been submitted by facsimile or photocopy: Holy See.
10. 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 accepted the proposal and agreed to submit the present report and draft decision ICCD/COP(10)/L.16 to the Conference.
