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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 27 September 2013, the Bureau met to examine the credentials submitted by Parties to the Convention.
5. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 27 September 2013 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 82 Parties participating in the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, China, Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, France, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

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 20 Parties: Angola, Comoros, Congo, Denmark, Ethiopia, European Union, Fiji, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea, Mexico, Philippines, Romania, Samoa, Seychelles, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, Vanuatu and Zambia.

8. Credentials issued by ministers other than the Minister of Foreign Affairs and by embassies have been submitted by from representatives of the following Party: Chad.

9. 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 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(11)/L.17 to the Conference.
