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## **CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATIONS**

### Report of the Bureau to the Conference of the Parties

#### 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 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 report is submitted to the Conference of the Parties in the light of the foregoing.

#### Examination of credentials

4. On 28 October 2005, the Bureau met to examine the credentials submitted by Parties to the Convention.
5. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 28 October 2005 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. As noted in the memorandum of the Executive Secretary, 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 for the representatives of the following 106 Parties participating in the Conference: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Congo, Cook Islands, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, European Community, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Niue, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam.

7. As of 28 October 2005 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 facsimile or photocopy for the representatives of the following 25 Parties participating in the Conference: Afghanistan, Belize, Canada, Finland, France, Guyana, Haiti, Italy, Kiribati, Mongolia, Palau, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Yemen.

8. As noted further in the memorandum, 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 representatives of the following 35 Parties participating in the Conference: Azerbaijan, Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Chile, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Fiji, Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, Ukraine, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

9. 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 the following draft decision to the Conference.

Draft decision submitted by the Bureau

Credentials of delegations

*The Conference of the Parties,*

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

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

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