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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 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.

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

4. On 13 September 2007, the Bureau met to examine the credentials submitted by Parties to the Convention.
5. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 13 September 2007 from the Officer-in-Charge 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 102 Parties participating in the Conference: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chad, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, European Community, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

7. As of 13 September 2007 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 33 Parties participating in the Conference: Afghanistan, Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Israel, Mauritania, Micronesia (Federated States of), Philippines, Poland, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Togo, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Zambia.

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 30 Parties participating in the Conference: Bangladesh, Brazil, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Fiji, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mali, Netherlands, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Somalia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

9. The President proposed that the Bureau should accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Acting 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

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*The Conference of the Parties,*

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

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

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