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**Organizational matters**

**Approval of the report on credentials**

## Report on credentials

### Report of the Bureau

### I. Introduction

1. In accordance with rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties<sup>1</sup> being applied, “the credentials of representatives as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the secretariat if possible not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegations shall also be submitted to the 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 draft rules of procedure being applied provides that “the Bureau of any session shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties”.

3. The secretariat wishes to remind Parties that, in accordance with decisions 17/CP.9, 36/CMP.1 and 2/CMA.1, a single set of credentials from Parties will apply for the participation of the Parties’ representatives in sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) and that a single report on credentials will be submitted for

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/CP/1996/2.



approval, following established procedures, by the Bureau of the COP to the COP, to the CMP and to the CMA.

4. The present report is submitted to the COP, to the CMP and to the CMA in the light of the foregoing.

## **II. Credentials of Parties to the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties, the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the second part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement**

5. On 16 November 2017, the Bureau examined the credentials submitted by Parties to the Convention, Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and Parties to the Paris Agreement.

6. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 16 November 2017 from the Deputy Executive Secretary on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the sessions. The information in the memorandum is reflected below.

7. As at 16 November 2017, formal credentials issued 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 as provided for in rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure being applied and decisions 17/CP.9, 36/CMP.1 and 2/CMA.1 had been submitted for the representatives of 144 Parties participating in the sessions (see table 1).

Table 1

### **Parties for whose representatives formal credentials have been submitted**

Afghanistan	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Algeria	Grenada	Paraguay
Andorra	Guyana	Peru
Argentina	Honduras	Philippines
Armenia	Hungary	Poland
Australia	Iceland	Portugal
Austria	India	Qatar
Azerbaijan	Indonesia	Republic of Korea
Bahamas	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Republic of Moldova
Bangladesh	Iraq	Romania
Barbados	Ireland	Russian Federation
Belarus	Israel	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belgium	Italy	Saint Lucia
Belize	Jamaica	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Benin	Japan	Samoa
Bhutan	Kazakhstan	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kuwait	Seychelles
Brazil	Kyrgyzstan	Sierra Leone
Brunei Darussalam	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Singapore

Bulgaria	Latvia	Slovakia
Burundi	Lesotho	Slovenia
Cambodia	Liberia	Solomon Islands
Cameroon	Libya	South Africa
Canada	Liechtenstein	South Sudan
Chile	Lithuania	Spain
China	Luxembourg	Sri Lanka
Cook Islands	Madagascar	State of Palestine
Costa Rica	Malawi	Suriname
Croatia	Maldives	Swaziland
Cuba	Malta	Sweden
Cyprus	Mexico	Switzerland
Czechia	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Syrian Arab Republic
Democratic People’s Republic of Korea	Monaco	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mongolia	Timor-Leste
Denmark	Montenegro	Togo
Djibouti	Morocco	Tonga
Ecuador	Mozambique	Tunisia
Egypt	Nauru	Turkey
El Salvador	Nepal	Tuvalu
Estonia	Netherlands	Ukraine
Ethiopia	Nicaragua	United Arab Emirates
European Union	Niger	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Fiji	Niue	United States of America
Finland	Norway	Uruguay
France	Oman	Viet Nam
Gabon	Pakistan	Yemen
Georgia	Palau	Zambia
Germany	Panama	Zimbabwe

8. Furthermore, as at 16 November 2017, the secretariat had received information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the sessions that had been communicated through the online registration system from 50 Parties (see table 2).

Table 2

**Parties for whose representatives information has been received through the online registration system**

Albania	Gambia	New Zealand
Angola	Ghana	Nigeria

Antigua and Barbuda	Guatemala	Rwanda
Bahrain	Guinea	Sao Tome and Principe
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Guinea-Bissau	Saudi Arabia
Botswana	Haiti	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Jordan	Somalia
Cabo Verde	Kenya	Sudan
Central African Republic	Kiribati	Tajikistan
Chad	Lebanon	Thailand
Colombia	Malaysia	Turkmenistan
Comoros	Mali	Uganda
Congo	Marshall Islands	United Republic of Tanzania
Côte d’Ivoire	Mauritania	Uzbekistan
Dominica	Mauritius	Vanuatu
Dominican Republic	Myanmar	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Equatorial Guinea	Namibia	

9. Two Parties, namely San Marino and Trinidad and Tobago, did not nominate representatives for the sessions, while Eritrea registered but did not participate.

10. Noting the above, the Bureau approved the credentials of representatives of all Parties, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives of the Parties referred to in paragraph 8 above would be submitted to the secretariat as soon as possible. The Bureau agreed to submit this report to the COP, the CMP and the CMA in accordance with rule 20 of the draft rules of procedure being applied. The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the COP, the CMP and the CMA that they accept the credentials of representatives of all Parties mentioned in this report, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives of the Parties referred to in paragraph 8 above shall be submitted to the secretariat as soon as possible, in accordance with rule 21 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

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