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Report on credentials

Report of the Bureau

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure 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 delegation 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 decision 17/CP.9, and its decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), credentials from Parties to the Kyoto Protocol will apply for the participation of the Parties’ representatives in sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the CMP and a single

report on credentials will be submitted for approval, following established procedures, by the Bureau of the COP to the COP and to the CMP.

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

II. Credentials of Parties to the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

5. On 18 December 2009, the Bureau met to examine the credentials submitted by Parties to the Convention and Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

6. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 17 December 2009 from the Executive Secretary on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the session. The information in this memorandum is reflected below.

7. As at 17 December 2009, 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, decision 17/CP.9 and its recommended CMP decision, had been submitted for the representatives of the following 130 Parties participating in the sessions: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, European Union, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Zambia.

8. Furthermore, as at 17 December 2009, the secretariat had received information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the sessions which had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, Permanent Missions to the United Nations or other participating government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, from the following 63 Parties: Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Fiji, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Micronesia

(Federated States of), Montenegro, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

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