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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 representative 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 and 36/CMP.1, 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 Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and that 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 nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

5. On 21 November 2013, 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 20 November 2013 from the Executive Secretary on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the sessions. The information in the memorandum is reflected below.

7. As at 21 November 2013, 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 and 36/CMP.1, had been submitted for the representatives of the following 148 Parties participating in the sessions: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, European Union, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Niue, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. Furthermore, as at 21 November 2013, the secretariat had received information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the sessions which had been communicated through the online registration system from the following 42 Parties: Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Uzbekistan.

9. Noting the above, 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 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 also 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 shall be submitted to the secretariat as soon as possible, in accordance with rule 21 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.
