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I. Introduction

1. In accordance with rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties¹ (COP) 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 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

¹ FCCC/CP/1996/2.

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

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

II. Credentials of Parties to the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties, the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

5. On 11 December 2023, the Bureau met to examine 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 10 December 2023 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 10 December 2023, 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 of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change being applied, and in accordance with decisions 17/CP.9, 36/CMP.1 and 2/CMA.1, had been submitted for the representatives of the following 119 Parties participating in the sessions (see table 1).

Table 1
Parties having formally submitted credentials

Albania	Holy See	Pakistan
Angola	Hungary	Panama
Argentina	Iceland	Papua New Guinea
Armenia	India	Philippines
Australia	Indonesia	Portugal
Austria	Iraq	Republic of Moldova
Bangladesh	Ireland	Romania
Barbados	Israel	Russian Federation
Belarus	Italy	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belgium	Jamaica	Saint Lucia
Belize	Japan	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bhutan	Kazakhstan	Samoa
Brazil	Kenya	Serbia
Brunei Darussalam	Kuwait	Seychelles
Bulgaria	Kyrgyzstan	Singapore
Burkina Faso	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Slovakia
Cambodia	Latvia	Slovenia
Canada	Lebanon	Solomon Islands

Chile	Lesotho	South Africa
China	Liechtenstein	Spain
Croatia	Lithuania	State of Palestine
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Sweden
Czechia	Madagascar	Switzerland
Denmark	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Malaysia	Thailand
Dominica	Maldives	Timor-Leste
Ecuador	Malta	Tonga
Egypt	Mauritius	Trinidad and Tobago
El Salvador	Mexico	Tunisia
Eritrea	Monaco	Türkiye
Eswatini	Mongolia	Tuvalu
European Union	Mozambique	Ukraine
Finland	Nauru	United Arab Emirates
France	Nepal	United Kingdom
Gabon	Netherlands	United States of America
Georgia	New Zealand	Uruguay
Germany	Niue	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Greece	North Macedonia	Zambia
Grenada	Norway	Zimbabwe
Guatemala	Oman	

8. Furthermore, as at 10 December 2023, the secretariat had received information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the sessions that had been communicated through the online registration system from the following 77 Parties (see table 2).

Table 2

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

Algeria	Ethiopia	Poland
Andorra	Fiji	Qatar
Antigua and Barbuda	Gambia	Republic of Korea
Azerbaijan	Ghana	Rwanda
Bahamas	Guinea	Sao Tome and Principe
Bahrain	Guinea-Bissau	San Marino
Benin	Guyana	Saudi Arabia
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Haiti	Senegal
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Honduras	Sierra Leone

Botswana	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Somalia
Burundi	Jordan	South Sudan
Cabo Verde	Kiribati	Sri Lanka
Cameroon	Liberia	Sudan
Central African Republic	Libya	Suriname
Chad	Mali	Tajikistan
Colombia	Marshall Islands	Togo
Comoros	Mauritania	Turkmenistan
Congo	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Uganda
Cook Islands	Montenegro	United Republic of Tanzania
Costa Rica	Morocco	Uzbekistan
Côte d’Ivoire	Namibia	Vanuatu
Cuba	Nicaragua	Viet Nam
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Niger	Yemen
Djibouti	Nigeria	
Dominican Republic	Palau	
Equatorial Guinea	Paraguay	
Estonia	Peru	

9. Noting the above, the Bureau approved the credentials of representatives of all Parties listed in tables 1–2 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.

10. The Bureau decided to defer its consideration of the representation of Afghanistan and Myanmar.
