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

¹ FCCC/CP/1996/2.

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-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties, the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

5. On 17 November 2022, 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 17 November 2022 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 17 November 2022, 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 130 Parties participating in the sessions (see table 1).

Table 1
Parties having formally submitted credentials

Albania	France	Pakistan
Algeria	Georgia	Panama
Andorra	Germany	Papua New Guinea
Angola	Greece	Paraguay
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada	Philippines
Argentina	Guatemala	Poland
Armenia	Holy See	Portugal
Australia	Honduras	Republic of Korea
Austria	Hungary	Republic of Moldova
Azerbaijan	Iceland	Romania
Bahrain	India	Russian Federation
Bangladesh	Indonesia	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Saint Lucia
Belarus	Ireland	Samoa
Belgium	Israel	San Marino
Belize	Italy	Seychelles
Benin	Jamaica	Singapore
Bhutan	Japan	Slovakia
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Jordan	Slovenia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kazakhstan	Solomon Islands
Botswana	Kiribati	South Africa
Brazil	Kuwait	South Sudan

Brunei Darussalam	Lao People’s Democratic Republic	Spain
Bulgaria	Latvia	Sri Lanka
Burundi	Lebanon	State of Palestine
Cambodia	Liechtenstein	Sudan
Canada	Lithuania	Sweden
Chile	Luxembourg	Switzerland
China	Madagascar	Syrian Arab Republic
Colombia	Malawi	Tajikistan
Costa Rica	Malaysia	Thailand
Croatia	Maldives	Tonga
Cuba	Malta	Trinidad and Tobago
Cyprus	Mauritius	Türkiye
Czechia	Mexico	Ukraine
Democratic People’s Republic of Korea	Monaco	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Denmark	Mongolia	United States of America
Djibouti	Morocco	Uruguay
Dominica	Mozambique	Vanuatu
Egypt	Nepal	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Eritrea	Netherlands	Zambia
Eswatini	New Zealand	Zimbabwe
European Union	North Macedonia	
Finland	Norway	

8. Furthermore, as at 17 November 2022, the secretariat had received information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the sessions that had been communicated through the online registration system from 66 Parties (see table 2).

Table 2

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

Bahamas	Guinea-Bissau	Peru
Burkina Faso	Guyana	Qatar
Cabo Verde	Haiti	Rwanda
Cameroon	Iraq	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Central African Republic	Kenya	Sao Tome and Principe
Chad	Kyrgyzstan	Saudi Arabia
Comoros	Lesotho	Senegal
Congo	Liberia	Serbia
Cook Islands	Libya	Sierra Leone
Côte d’Ivoire	Mali	Somalia

Democratic Republic of the Congo	Marshall Islands	Suriname
Dominican Republic	Mauritania	Timor-Leste
Ecuador	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Togo
El Salvador	Montenegro	Tunisia
Equatorial Guinea	Namibia	Turkmenistan
Estonia	Nauru	Tuvalu
Ethiopia	Nicaragua	Uganda
Fiji	Niger	United Arab Emirates
Gabon	Nigeria	United Republic of Tanzania
Gambia	Niue	Uzbekistan
Ghana	Oman	Viet Nam
Guinea	Palau	Yemen

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, to the CMP and to 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.