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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 sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

5. On 10 December 2010, 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 9 December 2010 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 9 December 2010, 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 135 Parties participating in the sessions:

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| Albania | Gambia | Paraguay |
| Algeria | Georgia | Peru |
| Angola | Germany | Philippines |
| Argentina | Greece | Poland |
| Armenia | Grenada | Portugal |
| Australia | Guatemala | Qatar |
| Azerbaijan | Guyana | Republic of Korea |
| Bahamas | Haiti | Russian Federation |
| Bahrain | Hungary | Rwanda |
| Barbados | Iceland | Saint Kitts and Nevis |
| Belarus | Ireland | Saint Lucia |
| Belgium | Jamaica | San Marino |
| Belize | Japan | Sao Tome and Principe |
| Benin | Kazakhstan | Senegal |
| Bhutan | Kiribati | Seychelles |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Kyrgyzstan | Singapore |
| Botswana | Latvia | Slovakia |
| Brazil | Lesotho | Slovenia |
| Brunei Darussalam | Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | Solomon Islands |

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| Bulgaria | Liechtenstein | Somalia |
| Burkina Faso | Lithuania | South Africa |
| Cambodia | Luxembourg | Spain |
| Chad | Lao People's Democratic Republic | Sri Lanka |
| Chile | Madagascar | Suriname |
| China | Malawi | Swaziland |
| Colombia | Mali | Sweden |
| Congo (Republic of) | Malta | Switzerland |
| Cook Islands | Marshall Islands | Syrian Arab Republic |
| Costa Rica | Mauritius | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| Croatia | Mexico | Tajikistan |
| Cyprus | Monaco | Thailand |
| Czech Republic | Mongolia | Timor-Leste |
| Denmark | Morocco | Togo |
| Djibouti | Mozambique | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Dominica | Micronesia (Federated States of) | Uganda |
| Egypt | Namibia | Ukraine |
| El Salvador | Nauru | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| Eritrea | Nepal | United States of America |
| Estonia | Netherlands | Uruguay |
| Ethiopia | New Zealand | Uzbekistan |
| European Union | Niger | Vanuatu |
| Fiji | Norway | Venezuela |
| Finland | Oman | Viet Nam |
| France | Palau | Yemen |
| Gabon | Panama | Zambia |

8. Furthermore, as at 9 December 2010, 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 57 Parties:

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| Afghanistan | India | Papua New Guinea |
| Antigua and Barbuda | Indonesia | Republic of Moldova |
| Austria | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | Romania |
| Bangladesh | Iraq | Samoa |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | Israel | Saudi Arabia |
| Burundi | Italy | Serbia |
| Cameroon | Jordan | Sierra Leone |
| Canada | Kenya | Sudan |
| Cape Verde | Kuwait | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| Central African Republic | Lebanon | Tonga |
| Comoros | Liberia | Tunisia |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Malaysia | Turkey |
| Cuba | Maldives | Turkmenistan |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | Mauritania | Tuvalu |
| Dominican Republic | Montenegro | United Arab Emirates |
| Ecuador | Myanmar | United Republic of Tanzania |
| Ghana | Nicaragua | Zimbabwe |
| Guinea | Nigeria | |
| Guinea-Bissau | Niue | |
| Honduras | Pakistan | |

9. Consequently, the President proposed that the Bureau should accept the credentials of representatives of all Parties mentioned in the memorandum of the Executive Secretary, 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. In the event of a vote, those Parties that have not submitted their credentials or have submitted credentials that are not valid will not be allowed to participate in the voting. The Bureau accepted the proposal and agreed to submit the present report to the COP and the CMP. The Bureau further agreed to recommend to the COP and the CMP that they take note of this report.
