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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 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 eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

5. On 6 December 2012, 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 6 December 2012 from the Executive Secretary on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the sessions. The information in this memorandum is reflected below.

7. As at 7 December 2012, 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 being applied and decisions 17/CP.9 and 36/CMP.1, had been submitted for the representatives of the following 168 Parties participating in the sessions: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, European Union, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. Furthermore, as at 7 December 2012, 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 21 Parties: Antigua and Barbuda, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ghana,

Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Kuwait, Mauritania, Panama, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tunisia and Turkmenistan.

9. The Bureau noted that the CMP, at its eighth session, will consider the outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol, including an amendment to the Kyoto Protocol. Only Parties with formal credentials will be able to participate in the adoption of an amendment to the Kyoto Protocol. In the event of a vote, those Parties that have not submitted formal credentials will not be allowed to participate in the voting.

10. 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 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, except in relation to the adoption of an amendment to the Kyoto Protocol, and 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, and in accordance with rule 21 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.
