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Report of the Bureau

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties¹ being applied mutatis mutandis by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), “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 mutatis mutandis by the CMA provides that “the Bureau of any session shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties”.

3. The present report is submitted to the CMA in the light of the foregoing.

¹ FCCC/CP/1996/2.

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II. Credentials of Parties to the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

4. On 17 November 2016, the Bureau met to examine the credentials submitted by Parties to the Paris Agreement.

5. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 16 November 2016 from the Executive Secretary on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the session. The information in the memorandum is reflected below.

6. As at 16 November 2016, 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 *mutatis mutandis* by the CMA had been submitted for the representatives of the following 57 Parties participating in the session: Albania, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, European Union, Fiji, France, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates and United States of America.

7. Furthermore, as at 16 November 2016, the secretariat had received information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the session that had been communicated through the online registration system from the following 24 Parties: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Cameroon, Central African Republic, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, Ghana, Guinea, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Nauru, Namibia, Palau, Panama, Rwanda, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Senegal, Uganda, Ukraine and Vanuatu.

8. Noting the above, the Bureau approved the credentials of representatives of all Parties, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives of the Parties referred to in paragraph 7 above would be submitted to the secretariat as soon as possible. The Bureau agreed to submit this report to the CMA, in accordance with rule 20 of the draft rules of procedure being applied *mutatis mutandis* by the CMA. The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the CMA that it 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 6 above shall be submitted to the secretariat as soon as possible, in accordance with rule 21 of the draft rules of procedure being applied *mutatis mutandis* by the CMA.