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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 present report is submitted to the Conference of the Parties (COP) in the light of the foregoing.

II. Credentials of Parties to the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties

4. On 17 December 2004, the Bureau met to examine the credentials submitted by Parties to the Convention.
5. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 16 December 2004 from the Executive Secretary on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the session. The information in this memorandum is reflected below.
6. As noted in the memorandum of the Executive Secretary, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided for in rule 19 of the draft rules

of procedure being applied, have been received by the secretariat for the representatives of the following 128 Parties participating in the session: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, European Community, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niue, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

7. Information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the session had been communicated by means of facsimile in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministers, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 39 Parties participating in the session: Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Ireland, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu and Venezuela.

8. Consequently, the President proposed that the Bureau should accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Executive Secretary, on the understanding that formal credentials for the representatives referred to in paragraph 7 above would be submitted to the secretariat as soon as possible. The Bureau accepted the proposal and agreed to submit the present report to the COP. The Bureau further agreed to recommend to the COP that it take note of this report.
