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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, “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 Conference of the Parties (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

¹ FCCC/CP/1996/2.



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.

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-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties, the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the third part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

5. On 13 December 2018, the Bureau examined 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 13 December 2018 from the Deputy Executive Secretary on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the sessions. The information in the memorandum is reflected below.

7. As at 12 December 2018, 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 143 Parties participating in the sessions (see table 1).

Table 1

Parties having formally submitted credentials

Algeria	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Andorra	Grenada	Paraguay
Angola	Guyana	Peru
Argentina	Honduras	Philippines
Armenia	Hungary	Portugal
Australia	Iceland	Qatar
Austria	India	Republic of Korea
Azerbaijan	Indonesia	Romania
Bahamas	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Russian Federation
Bangladesh	Iraq	Rwanda
Barbados	Ireland	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belarus	Israel	Saint Lucia
Belgium	Italy	Samoa
Belize	Jamaica	San Marino
Benin	Japan	Sao Tome and Principe
Bhutan	Kazakhstan	Saudi Arabia
Botswana	Kenya	Serbia
Brazil	Kuwait	Seychelles
Brunei Darussalam	Kyrgyzstan	Singapore

Bulgaria	Lao People’s Democratic Republic	Slovakia
Burkina Faso	Latvia	Slovenia
Cabo Verde	Lesotho	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Liberia	South Africa
Canada	Liechtenstein	Spain
China	Luxembourg	State of Palestine
Colombia	Madagascar	Sweden
Costa Rica	Malawi	Switzerland
Croatia	Malaysia	Syrian Arab Republic
Cuba	Maldives	Tajikistan
Cyprus	Malta	Thailand
Czechia	Mauritius	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Democratic People’s Republic of Korea	Mexico	Togo
Denmark	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Trinidad and Tobago
Dominican Republic	Monaco	Tunisia
Ecuador	Mongolia	Turkey
Egypt	Montenegro	Uganda
El Salvador	Mozambique	Ukraine
Estonia	Myanmar	United Arab Emirates
Eswatini	Namibia	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Ethiopia	Nepal	United States of America
European Union	Netherlands	Uruguay
Fiji	New Zealand	Uzbekistan
Finland	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
France	Niger	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Gabon	Norway	Viet Nam
Gambia	Oman	Zambia
Georgia	Panama	Zimbabwe
Germany		
Ghana		

8. Furthermore, as at 12 December 2018, the secretariat had received information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the sessions that had been communicated through the online registration system from 54 Parties (see table 2).

Table 2
Parties for whose representatives information has been received through the online registration system

Afghanistan	Eritrea	Palau
Albania	Guatemala	Poland
Antigua and Barbuda	Guinea	Republic of Moldova
Bahrain	Guinea-Bissau	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Haiti	Senegal
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Jordan	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Kiribati	Somalia
Cameroon	Lebanon	South Sudan
Central African Republic	Libya	Sri Lanka
Chad	Lithuania	Sudan
Chile	Mali	Suriname
Comoros	Marshall Islands	Timor-Leste
Congo	Mauritania	Tonga
Cook Islands	Morocco	Turkmenistan
Côte d'Ivoire	Nauru	Tuvalu
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Nigeria	United Republic of Tanzania
Djibouti	Niue	Yemen
Dominica	Pakistan	
Equatorial Guinea		

9. 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 8 above would be submitted to the secretariat as soon as possible. The Bureau agreed to submit this report to the COP, the CMP and 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.