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**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE ON THE CREDENTIALS
OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

1. Introduction

The Credentials Committee—consisting of Angola, Colombia, Ghana, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela—met under the leadership of its Chairperson, H.E. Mrs Rosa Batoréu, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the OPCW, on Monday, 19 November 2018.

2. Examination of credentials

In accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”), the Credentials Committee examined the credentials submitted by States Parties wishing to participate in the Twenty-Third Session of the Conference and verified the following facts:

- (a) Originals of credentials in the form required by Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference had been received from the following 97 States Parties:

Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, the Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).



- (b) Faxes or copies of credentials in the form required by Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference had been received from the following 54 States Parties:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Comoros, the Congo, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eswatini, Ghana, Guyana, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Oman, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, South Africa, the Sudan, the State of Palestine, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

- (c) Official communications had not been received from the following States Parties regarding their representation: Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Lebanon, Paraguay, Suriname, and the United Arab Emirates. Further requests to submit credentials were made to those States Parties by the Technical Secretariat.

3. Report and recommendations to the Conference

- 3.1 Based on the foregoing, the Credentials Committee decided to report to the Conference that the credentials of the States Parties referred to in subparagraphs 2(a) and 2(b) above were in the form required by Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.

The Credentials Committee recommended that the Conference:

- (a) accept outright the credentials of representatives of the States Parties listed in subparagraph 2(a) above; and
- (b) provisionally accept the credentials of representatives of the States Parties listed in subparagraph 2(b) above, pending submission of the original versions.

- 3.2 The Credentials Committee adopted its report to the Conference and recommended that the Conference approve it.