

**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE ON THE CREDENTIALS
OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES****1. Introduction**

The Credentials Committee, consisting of Cuba, France, Greece, Guatemala, Kenya, Lithuania, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, South Africa, and the State of Palestine, met under the leadership of its Chairperson, Ms Lolita Capco, Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Representation of the Philippines to the OPCW, on Monday, 30 November 2020.

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-Fifth 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 78 States Parties:

Albania, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, the Holy See, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, the State of Palestine, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, and Yemen.



- (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 72 States Parties:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, the Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, the Philippines, Poland, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, the United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, and Zambia.

- (c) Official communications had not been received from the following States Parties regarding their representation: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Benin, Burundi, the Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, the Gambia, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Samoa, Tuvalu, the United Republic of Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. 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.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 The Credentials Committee adopted its report to the Conference and recommended that the Conference approve it.