



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

1. Introduction

The Credentials Committee, consisting of Colombia, Ecuador, Germany, Iraq, Malaysia, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, Tunisia, and the United Republic of Tanzania, met under the leadership of its Chairperson, H.E. Mr Thomas Schieb, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OPCW, on Monday, 27 November and Wednesday, 29 November 2023.

2. Examination of credentials

In accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the States Parties (the Conference), the Credentials Committee examined the credentials submitted by States Parties wishing to participate in the Twenty-Eighth 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 100 States Parties:

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, the Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, the Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, and Zimbabwe.



- (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 41 States Parties:
- Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Qatar, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Singapore, the State of Palestine, the Sudan, Togo, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, and Uzbekistan.
- (c) Official communications had not been received from the following registered States Parties regarding their representation: Afghanistan, the Dominican Republic, Eswatini, Liberia, and Zambia. Further requests to submit credentials were made to those States Parties by the Technical Secretariat.
- (d) Procedural concerns were raised regarding competing credentials presented by Myanmar.

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;
- (b) provisionally accept the credentials of representatives of the States Parties listed in subparagraph 2(b) above, pending submission of the original versions; and
- (c) defer a decision on the credentials of Myanmar, thereby leaving the seat vacant for the Conference session.
- 3.3 The Credentials Committee adopted its report to the Conference and recommended that the Conference approve it.