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**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
ON THE CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

1. Introduction

The Credentials Committee, consisting of Belgium, Colombia, Costa Rica, Greece, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Morocco, Poland, and Ukraine met under the leadership of its Chairperson, H.E. Grace Asirwatham of Sri Lanka, on Wednesday, 1 December 2010 at 14:30.

2. Examination of credentials

2.1 The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Director-General, dated 30 November 2010, concerning the presentation of credentials by States Parties wishing to participate in the Fifteenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”). The Credentials Committee examined the credentials themselves, and verified the facts stated in the memorandum, which are as follows:

- (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 92 States Parties:

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Japan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Yemen, and Zambia.



- (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 26 States Parties:

Bolivia, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guinea, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Mali, Malta, Monaco, Mozambique, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam, and Zimbabwe.

- (c) Official communications were received from the nine States Parties listed below regarding their representation. A request for the submission of credentials has been made by the Technical Secretariat and formal credentials are expected to be submitted in due course:

Afghanistan, Argentina, Ecuador, Gambia, Honduras, Iraq, Lebanon, Madagascar, and Nepal.

- 2.2 The Credentials Committee was of the view that representatives of the States Parties listed in 2.1(b) and 2.1(c) above should be permitted to participate provisionally in the Conference, pending the submission of the original versions of their credentials.

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 2.1(a) and 2.1(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 2.1(a) above;
- (b) provisionally accept the credentials of representatives of the States Parties listed in 2.1(b) above, pending submission of the original versions; and
- (c) provisionally permit the States Parties listed in 2.1(c) above to attend the Conference, on the understanding that the originals of the credentials of the representatives of those States would be submitted as soon as possible.

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