

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

The Credentials Committee, consisting of Algeria, Colombia, Cuba, the Czech Republic, Germany, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Sudan, and the United Arab Emirates met under the leadership of its Chairperson, H.E. Mr Sheikh Mohammed Belal, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the OPCW, on Tuesday, 1 December 2015.

2. Examination of credentials

2.1 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 Twentieth 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 88 States Parties:

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, the Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, 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 29 States Parties:

Afghanistan, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Morocco, Nepal, Norway, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, the United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, and Viet Nam.

- (c) Official communications had been received from the following 16 States Parties regarding their representation: Bahrain, El Salvador, Eritrea, Gabon, the Gambia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Pakistan, Panama, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Yemen, and Zimbabwe. 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.

- 2.2 In accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Credentials Committee was of the view that representatives of the States Parties in subparagraph 2.1(c) above should be permitted to participate provisionally in the Conference, pending the submission 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 (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 2.1(a) above;
- (b) provisionally accept the credentials of representatives of the States Parties listed in subparagraph 2.1(b) above, pending submission of the original versions; and
- (c) provisionally permit the States Parties listed in subparagraph 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.

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