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**CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SECOND SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

Report of the Credentials Committee

1. Introduction

- 1.1 On 3 December 1997, upon the proposal of the Chairman of the Conference, in accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the States Parties (C-I/3), the Conference appointed the following 10 Member States as members of the Credentials Committee for the Second Session: Cameroon, Ecuador, Ghana, Hungary, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Republic of Korea, Slovakia and Sweden.
- 1.2 The Committee met on 4 December 1997 and elected H.E. Mr Vicente Azula De la Guerra of Peru as its Chairman.
- 1.3 During its meeting, the Committee reviewed Chapter IV of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference and noted in particular the following elements of Rule 26:
 - (a) credentials designate the representative of a Member State in a given session of the Conference;
 - (b) the credentials of each representative shall be submitted to the Director-General; and
 - (c) credentials shall be issued by the head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Member State concerned or by any other authority acting on their behalf.

2. Examination of credentials

- 2.1 The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Director-General, dated 4 December 1997, concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States participating in the Second Session of the Conference. On the basis of that memorandum, as of 4 December 1997, the Committee determined the following:

- (a) formal credentials meeting the requirements of Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, were submitted by 51 Member States: Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, the Czech Republic, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe;
- (b) credentials in due form were also received from the Russian Federation which will become a Member State during the Second Session of the Conference; and
- (c) faxes or copies of formal credentials or other official communications concerning representatives were received from the following 30 Member States: Albania, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Ecuador, Ghana, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lesotho, Monaco, Niger, Peru, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo and Tunisia. In accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the representatives of these Member States are participating provisionally in the Second Session pending the submission of credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.

2.2 The Committee agreed that the credentials of the representatives of the Member States referred to in subparagraphs 2.1(a), 2.1(b) and 2.1(c) above would be accepted, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States referred to in subparagraph 2.1(c) would be communicated to the Director-General as soon as possible.

2.3 The Committee noted the number of Member States which were not able to submit credentials in due form for their representatives in advance of the Second Session. It requested the Conference to draw the attention of Member States to Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure as well as to the Note by the Director-General entitled "Accreditation of Permanent Representatives, Representatives to the Conference of the States Parties, Representatives to the Executive Council and Related Matters" (CII/DG.1/Rev.1, dated 24 November 1997).

3. Recommendation

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