REPORT OF THE THIRD SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

1.1 The Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) was opened at 10:41 on 7 April 2008 by its Chairperson, Ambassador Abuelgasim Abdelwahid Sheikh Idris of Sudan.

1.2 The session was convened, in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, at the request of the Executive Council (EC-52/DEC.5, dated 5 March 2008). The session was declared private.

1.3 The following 93 States Parties participated in the Third Special Session of the Conference:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, and Yemen.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

2.1 The provisional agenda for the Third Special Session was circulated under cover of C-SS-3/1, dated 7 March 2008.
2.2 On the recommendation of the General Committee, the Conference adopted the following agenda for its Third Special Session:

AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

AGENDA ITEM THREE – Amendment of Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the States Parties

AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the report

AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Closure

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Amendment of Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the States Parties

The Conference considered and adopted the decision on the amendment of Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference (C-SS-3/DEC.1, dated 7 April 2008).

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the report

4.1 The report of the Credentials Committee (C-SS-3/2, dated 7 April 2008) was presented by its Chairperson, Ambassador Carla María Rodríguez Mancia of Guatemala. The Conference noted the additional information presented by the Chairperson and approved the report (C-SS-3/2/Rev.1, dated 7 April 2008).

4.2 The Conference considered and adopted the report of its Third Special Session.

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Closure

The Chairperson closed the Third Special Session of the Conference at 12:07 on 7 April 2008.