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Credentials of representatives: report of the Credentials Committee

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Deborah **Yaw** (Guyana)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States provides that:

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-eighth session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

2. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 1 September 2014, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee having the same composition as that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-eighth session, namely Belgium, China, Colombia, Gabon, Guyana, the Russian Federation, Singapore, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America.

3. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 3 September 2014.

4. Deborah Yaw, Director, Multilateral and Global Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guyana, was unanimously elected Chair.

5. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the secretariat of the Conference dated 2 September 2014 on the credentials of representatives of States participating in the Conference and of the European Union. A representative of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made a statement relating to the memorandum, in which, among other things, he updated the memorandum to indicate credentials and communications received subsequent to its preparation.

6. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, had been received as at the



time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 42 States and the European Union: Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Chile, China, Denmark, Estonia, European Union, Fiji, Guinea, Guyana, Holy See, Ireland, Japan, Libya, Luxembourg, Maldives, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Netherlands, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Zambia.

7. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of representatives of States to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference, as at the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the mission concerned, by the following 74 States: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chad, Comoros, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Niue, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

8. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, the following 82 States invited to participate in the Conference had not, as at the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference any information regarding their representatives to the Conference: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Sudan, State of Palestine, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

9. The Committee decided to accept the credentials of the representatives of all States listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above-mentioned memorandum and the statement relating thereto, and of the European Union, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 7 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference

as soon as possible. With regard to the States listed in paragraph 8, credentials concerning their participation would be reviewed as appropriate.

10. The Committee adopted the following draft resolution without a vote:

“The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the States and of the European Union referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum by the secretariat of the Conference.”

11. The Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 13 below).

12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

13. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

The third International Conference on Small Island Developing States,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.
