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Report of the Credentials Committee

Credentials of representatives to the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Ms. Hawanatu **Kebe** (Sierra Leone)

1. On 14 August 2020, the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure for Meetings of States Parties, appointed, on the proposal of the President and pursuant to its decision 30/1, a credentials committee consisting of the following States parties: Chile, China, Finland, Honduras, Monaco, Myanmar, Namibia, Russian Federation and Sierra Leone.
2. The Credentials Committee elected, pursuant to decision 30/1, Hawanatu Kebe (Sierra Leone) as Chair and Nyan Lin Aung (Myanmar) as Vice-Chair.
3. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 20 August 2020, on the status of credentials of representatives of States parties participating in the thirtieth Meeting.
4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, owing to the restricted access to the United Nations Headquarters and other precautionary measures related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the Secretariat was not able to receive before 20 August formal credentials issued in accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure by the Head of State or Government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs or a person authorized by either of them for the representatives of States parties participating in the thirtieth Meeting.
5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, provisional information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the thirtieth Meeting, including representatives of the European Union, had been communicated to the Secretary-General by the following 156 States parties: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde,



Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Eswatini, European Union, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Niue, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

6. Following the informal online meeting of the Committee held on 20 August, the draft resolution below was placed under a silence procedure pursuant to decision 30/1 for adoption by the Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives of States parties participating in the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 20 August 2020,

Noting that, in accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure for Meetings of States Parties and the understanding reached by the twenty-third Meeting, the credentials of the representatives of States parties participating in the thirtieth Meeting will continue to be valid until the convening of the thirty-first Meeting,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives referred to in the memorandum.

7. The draft resolution was adopted on 23 August 2020 by the Committee upon completion of the silence procedure without objection.

8. Furthermore, the proposal to recommend to the thirtieth Meeting the adoption of a draft decision (see para. 10) was placed under a silence procedure pursuant to decision 30/1. The proposal was adopted on 23 August upon completion of the silence procedure without objection.

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the thirtieth Meeting.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the thirtieth Meeting the adoption of the following draft decision:

**Credentials of representatives of States parties participating
in the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations
Convention on the Law of the Sea**

The thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea approves the report of the Credentials Committee on the understanding that the credentials of the representatives of States parties participating in the thirtieth Meeting will continue to be valid until the convening of the thirty-first Meeting, in accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure for Meetings of States Parties.
