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Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

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Credentials of representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Ms. Nirmala **Paranavitana** (Sri Lanka)

1. The resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks held on 23–27 May 2016 appointed the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Nigeria to the Credentials Committee and confirmed Norway, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Ukraine and Uruguay as members of the Committee. Given that the Kingdom of the Netherlands was no longer in a position to serve on the Committee and the need to fill one remaining vacant seat, the resumed Review Conference elected Iceland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Committee.
2. The Committee met on 25 May 2023 and elected Nirmala Paranavitana (Sri Lanka) as its Chair and Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa) as its Vice-Chair, by acclamation.
3. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 25 May 2023, on the status of credentials of representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference.



4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the European Union and the representatives of the following 26 participating States: Australia, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Ecuador, Estonia, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States of America and Uruguay.

5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the resumed Review Conference had been communicated by means of a copy of formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or in the form of a letter or note verbale from the permanent mission, by the following 22 participating States: Algeria, Austria, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Congo, Djibouti, Haiti, Hungary, India, Italy, Mauritania, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Peru, Poland, Russian Federation, Samoa, Slovenia and Viet Nam.

6. The Chair proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives referred to in the memorandum by the Secretariat, on the understanding that formal credentials for the representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

7. In relation to Myanmar, acknowledging the report of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions ([A/76/550](#) and [A/77/600](#)), the Chair proposed that the Committee defer its decision on the credentials pertaining to the representatives of Myanmar to the Review Conference. The proposal was adopted without a vote.

8. The Chair proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum by the Secretariat dated 25 May 2023,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.

9. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair was adopted without a vote.

10. The Chair then proposed that the Committee recommend to the resumed Review Conference the adoption of a draft resolution on the matter (see para. 12 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the resumed Review Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the resumed Review Conference the adoption of the following resolution:

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The resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee¹ and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

¹ A/CONF.210/2023/5.