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Credentials of representatives to the Conference: report of the Credentials Committee

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Ms. Emilia van Veen (Finland)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration 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 seventy-third session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

2. Four States that were members of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy-third session were not available to serve on the Credentials Committee of the Conference. Therefore, in line with past practice, the President of the Conference, at the 1st plenary meeting of the Conference, held on 10 December 2018, proposed to the Conference that four States, namely the Bahamas, France, Jamaica and Japan, from the same regional groups as the States that were not available, be appointed to the four vacant seats.

3. At the same meeting, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States: Bahamas, China, Finland, France, Ghana, Jamaica, Japan, the Russian Federation and Sierra Leone.

4. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 10 December 2018.

5. Emilia van Veen (Finland) was elected Chair of the Committee.

6. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 10 December 2018 concerning the credentials of representatives of States and of the European Union. A representative of the Office of Legal Affairs made a statement relating to the memorandum.

7. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required under rule 3 of the rules of



procedure of the Conference, had been submitted to the Secretary-General, as at the time of the meeting of the Committee, by the European Union and the following 52 States: Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Belarus, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, China, Croatia, Cuba, Dominica, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

8. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives of States to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General, as at the time of the meeting of the Committee, by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the ministry, embassy or mission concerned, by the following 110 States: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Zambia.

9. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, the Secretary-General had not received formal credentials or the information referred to in paragraph 8 above from the following 33 States invited to participate in the Conference: Australia, Austria, Barbados, Bulgaria, Czechia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritania, Namibia, Nauru, Poland, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Slovakia, State of Palestine, Switzerland, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Vanuatu.

10. The Chair recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of the States listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 8 above, as well as for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 9 above, where applicable, would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

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

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the States and of the European Union referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General.

12. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair was adopted without a vote.
13. The Chair then proposed that the Committee recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution entitled “Credentials of representatives to the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration” (see para. 15 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.
14. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

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

Credentials of representatives to the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

The Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration,

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

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.
