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DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE

Amendments proposed by the United States of America to E/CONF.26/5

1. Rule 1. Delete the word "plenipotentiary" in line 2 and add the following new rule:

"Full powers issued by the competent authority of each country shall be deposited with the Executive Secretary by the representative of said country at the time of signature of the convention or other international instrument emanating from the conference."

2. Rule 2. Delete the words "The President and Vice-Presidents shall examine the credentials and report without delay to the Conference" and add the following new rule:

"A Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. It shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by the Conference upon the proposal of the President. It shall examine the credentials of the Representatives and report to the Conference without delay."

3. Rule 23. The present text should be amended to read as follows:

"Decisions of the Conference on all matters of substance shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting. Decisions of the Conference on matters of procedure shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting. Decisions of committees and subcommittees shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting."

4. Rule 45. Delete the words "or any of its committees or subcommittees" in the first line of the second paragraph.