

# First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

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**Credentials of representatives to the Meeting:  
report of the Credentials Committee**

## Report of the Credentials Committee

*Chair:* Mr. Karl Anthony **Borg** (Malta)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons provides that:

A Credentials Committee of five members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Meeting. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Meeting without delay.

2. At its 1st plenary meeting, held on 21 June 2022, the Meeting, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States parties: Guyana, Malta, Namibia, Paraguay and Samoa.

3. The Committee held two meetings, on 21 and 22 June 2022.

4. At the Committee's 1st meeting, the representative of Malta, Karl Anthony Borg, was elected Chair.

5. At its 2nd meeting, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Meeting dated 22 June 2022 concerning the credentials of representatives of States parties to the Meeting. A representative of the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the Secretariat made a statement relating to the memorandum.

6. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials of representatives to the Meeting in the form required under rule 3 of the rules of procedure had been submitted to the Secretary-General of the Meeting, as at the time of the 2nd meeting of the Committee, by the following 22 States parties: Austria, Cambodia, Cook Islands, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Palau, Panama, Philippines, Samoa, San Marino, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

7. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives of States parties to the Meeting had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Meeting, as at the time of the 2nd 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 27 States parties: Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Chile, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Guinea-Bissau, Holy See, Honduras, Kiribati, Lesotho, Mexico, Namibia, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, State of Palestine, Uruguay and Viet Nam.

8. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, the Secretary-General of the Meeting had not received formal credentials or the information mentioned in paragraph 2 of the memorandum from the following 11 States parties: Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Dominica, Gambia, Maldives, Nauru, Niue, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

9. The Chair recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all States parties listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above-mentioned memorandum on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States parties referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and, where applicable, those for representatives of the States parties referred to in paragraph 3 of the memorandum would be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Meeting as soon as possible.

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

*The Credentials Committee,*

*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons,

*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the States parties referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Meeting.

11. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

12. The Chair then proposed that the Committee recommend to the Meeting the adoption of a draft resolution entitled “Credentials of representatives to the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons” (see para. 14). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

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

#### **Recommendation of the Credentials Committee**

14. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Meeting the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### **Credentials of representatives to the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**

*The Meeting of States Parties,*

*Having considered* the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,<sup>1</sup>

*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> TPNW/MSP/2022/4.