

Second 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. Matías Andrés **Eustathiou de los Santos** (Uruguay)

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 of States Parties on the proposal of the President. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Meeting without delay.

2. At its 1st plenary meeting, held on 27 November 2023, the Meeting, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States parties: Austria, Chile, Malaysia, Nigeria and Uruguay.

3. The Committee held two meetings, on 27 and 30 November 2023.

4. At the Committee's 1st meeting, the representative of Uruguay, Matías Andrés Eustathiou de los Santos, was elected Chair.

5. At its 2nd meeting, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Meeting dated 29 November 2023 concerning the credentials of representatives of States parties to the Meeting. A representative of the Secretariat from the Office for Disarmament Affairs 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 29 States parties: Austria, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cambodia, Chile, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Guatemala, Holy See, Honduras, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Lesotho, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Nauru, New Zealand, Paraguay, Peru, Samoa, San Marino, Thailand, Tuvalu and Uruguay.

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 26 States parties: Bangladesh, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Comoros, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Namibia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Palau, Panama, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, State of Palestine, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam.

8. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, the Secretary-General of the Meeting had not received formal credentials or information mentioned in paragraph 2 of the memorandum from the following 13 States parties: Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Benin, Congo, Dominica, Gambia, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Malawi, Niue, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Seychelles.

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, as updated, 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, as updated, 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 second 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 second 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 second 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,¹

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

¹ TPNW/MSP/2023/12.