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**Organizational matters: credentials
of representatives to the Congress**

Report of the Credentials Committee

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 7 March 2021, the Fourteenth Congress, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Congress, appointed a Credentials Committee composed of representatives of the following States: Cameroon, Ecuador, Italy, Japan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States and Uruguay. At its 7th plenary meeting, on 9 March, as proposed by the President, the Congress decided that Angola should be appointed as member of the Credentials Committee to replace Cameroon, which was no longer in a position to participate in the Committee.

2. The Credentials Committee held meetings on 8 March, 9 March and 11 March 2021.

3. Alessandro Cortese (Italy) was unanimously elected Chair of the Committee.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary of the Congress, dated 11 March 2021, on the status of the credentials of representatives of States attending the Congress.

5. As indicated in paragraph 1 of that memorandum, the Committee noted that, as at 11 March 2021, credentials issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided for in rule 3 of the rules of procedure, had been submitted to the Secretary of the Congress by the following 55 States in respect of their representatives to the Fourteenth Congress: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United States, Uruguay and Yemen.

6. As indicated in paragraph 2 of that memorandum, the Committee also noted that an electronic copy of credentials issued in accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure had been communicated to the Secretary of the Congress by the following 76 States: Algeria, Angola, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Namibia, Nepal, New



Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

7. As indicated in paragraph 3 of that memorandum, the Committee further noted that the following 16 States had communicated to the Secretary of the Congress information concerning the composition of their delegations to the Congress by means of facsimile or electronic communication or in the form of letters or notes verbales from their ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices: Belize, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Djibouti, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guatemala, Haiti, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and United Arab Emirates.

8. The Chair proposed that the Committee adopt the following draft resolution:

“The Credentials Committee,

“Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, referred to in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of the present report,

“1. Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 5;

“2. Also accepts the provisional participation of the representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 6, pending the receipt of the original of their credentials;

“3. Further accepts the provisional participation of the representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 7, pending the receipt of their credentials;

“4. Decides to defer its decision on the credentials of the representatives of Myanmar;”

“5. Recommends that the Congress approve the report of the Credentials Committee.”

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

10. Subsequently, the Chair proposed that the Committee recommend to the Congress the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 12 below). The proposal was approved by the Committee without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Congress.

Recommendation

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Congress the adoption of the following draft resolution:

“Credentials of representatives to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

“The Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

“Having examined the report of the Credentials Committee,

“Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.”