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## Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation

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

## Report of the Credentials Committee

*Chair:* Mr. Anthony Liverpool (Antigua and Barbuda)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure for the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation 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. At its first plenary meeting, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States: Antigua and Barbuda, Chile, China, Finland, Ghana, the Russian Federation, Sierra Leone and the United States of America.

3. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 21 March 2019.

4. At the meeting on 21 March 2019, Anthony Liverpool (Antigua and Barbuda) was elected Chair of the Credentials Committee.

5. The Credentials Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 21 March 2019 concerning the credentials of representatives of States and of the European Union. A representative of the Office of Legal Affairs made a statement related to the memorandum.

6. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General, as updated by the statement of the representative of the Office of Legal Affairs, 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 at the time of the meeting of the Committee by the European Union and the following 49 States: Andorra, Angola, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Ecuador, Estonia, Eswatini, Finland, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Holy See,



Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam.

7. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General, as updated by the statement of the representative of the Office of the Legal Affairs, information concerning the appointment of representatives of States to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General 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: Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Timor-Leste, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, the Secretary-General had not received formal credentials or the information referred to in paragraph 7 above from the following 36 States invited to participate in the Conference: Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, Gabon, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Iceland, Iraq, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Nauru, Niger, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, San Marino, South Sudan, Tajikistan, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu and Uzbekistan.

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

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

*The Credentials Committee,*

*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

*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, as updated.

11. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair of the Committee was adopted without a vote.
12. The representative of the United States of America dissociated from the adoption of the Committee's resolution, solely with respect to the acceptance of the credentials submitted by the Maduro régime on behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
13. The representative of Finland joined the consensus, but stated that the presidential elections of last May in Venezuela were neither free, fair, nor credible and that Finland fully supported the National Assembly, which was the democratic legitimate body of Venezuela, and stressed that the multidimensional crises on Venezuela can only be solved by political, democratic and peaceful means, and renewed the call for the restoration of democracy through free, transparent and credible presidential elections.
14. The representative of Chile stated that Chile recognized Interim President Juan Guaidó as the only legitimate President of Venezuela and dissociated from the adoption of the Committee's resolution, solely with respect to the acceptance of the credentials submitted by the Maduro régime on behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
15. The representative of the Russian Federation stated that the credentials issued by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela were issued in full accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference and, after recalling that the credentials of the delegation of Venezuela to the seventy-third session of the General Assembly were approved by the Assembly, noted that the Russian Federation was opposed to politicizing the work of the Conference and the Committee.
16. The representative of China joined the consensus, and noted that the General Assembly at its seventy-third session had already taken a decision on the representatives of Venezuela and that China was opposed to discussions on the representation of Venezuela at the Conference.
17. The Chair of the Committee then proposed that the Committee recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Credentials of representatives to the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation" (see para. 19 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.
18. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

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

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

**Credentials of representatives to the second High-level United Nations  
Conference on South-South Cooperation**

*The second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South  
Cooperation,*

*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> [A/CONF.235/5](#).