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Report on credentials

Report of the Bureau

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties¹ being applied, “the credentials of representatives as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the secretariat if possible not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegations shall also be submitted to the secretariat. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization”.
2. Furthermore, rule 20 of the draft rules of procedure being applied provides that “the Bureau of any session shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties”.
3. The secretariat wishes to remind Parties that, in accordance with decisions 17/CP.9, 36/CMP.1 and 2/CMA.1, a single set of credentials from Parties will apply for the participation of the Parties’ representatives in sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) and that a single report on credentials will be submitted for

¹ FCCC/CP/1996/2.



approval, following established procedures, by the Bureau of the COP to the COP, to the CMP and to the CMA.

4. The present report is submitted to the COP, to the CMP and to the CMA in the light of the foregoing.

II. Credentials of Parties to the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties, the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

5. On 12 December 2019, the Bureau examined the credentials submitted by Parties to the Convention, Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and Parties to the Paris Agreement.

6. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 12 December 2019 from the Deputy Executive Secretary on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the sessions. The information in the memorandum is reflected below.

7. As at 12 December 2019, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority as provided for in rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure being applied and decisions 17/CP.9, 36/CMP.1 and 2/CMA.1 had been submitted for the representatives of 148 Parties participating in the sessions (see table 1).

Table 1

Parties having formally submitted credentials

Algeria	Ghana	Pakistan
Andorra	Greece	Panama
Argentina	Grenada	Papua New Guinea
Armenia	Guatemala	Paraguay
Australia	Guyana	Peru
Austria	Honduras	Philippines
Azerbaijan	Iceland	Poland
Bangladesh	India	Portugal
Barbados	Indonesia	Qatar
Belarus	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Republic of Korea
Belgium	Ireland	Republic of Moldova
Belize	Israel	Romania
Benin	Italy	Russian Federation
Bhutan	Jamaica	Rwanda
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Japan	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Botswana	Jordan	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Brazil	Kazakhstan	Samoa
Bulgaria	Kenya	Saudi Arabia
Burkina Faso	Kuwait	Serbia

Cabo Verde	Lao People’s Democratic Republic	Seychelles
Cambodia	Latvia	Singapore
Canada	Lesotho	Slovakia
Chile	Liberia	Slovenia
China	Liechtenstein	Solomon Islands
Colombia	Lithuania	South Africa
Costa Rica	Luxembourg	South Sudan
Côte d’Ivoire	Madagascar	Spain
Croatia	Malawi	Sri Lanka
Cuba	Malaysia	State of Palestine
Cyprus	Maldives	Suriname
Czechia	Malta	Sweden
Democratic People’s Republic of Korea	Mauritius	Switzerland
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mexico	Tajikistan
Denmark	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Thailand
Djibouti	Monaco	Timor-Leste
Dominican Republic	Mongolia	Tonga
Ecuador	Montenegro	Trinidad and Tobago
Egypt	Morocco	Tunisia
El Salvador	Mozambique	Turkey
Eritrea	Myanmar	Tuvalu
Estonia	Namibia	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Eswatini	Nauru	United Republic of Tanzania
Ethiopia	Nepal	Uruguay
European Union	Netherlands	Uzbekistan
Fiji	New Zealand	Vanuatu
Finland	Nicaragua	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
France	Niger	Viet Nam
Gambia	North Macedonia	Zambia
Georgia	Norway	Zimbabwe
Germany		

8. Furthermore, as at 12 December 2019, the secretariat had received information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the sessions that had been communicated through the online registration system from 49 Parties (see table 2).

Table 2

Parties for whose representatives information has been received through the online registration system

Afghanistan	Gabon	Palau
Albania	Guinea	Saint Lucia
Angola	Guinea-Bissau	San Marino
Antigua and Barbuda	Haiti	Sao Tome and Principe
Bahamas	Hungary	Senegal
Bahrain	Iraq	Sierra Leone
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Kiribati	Somalia
Brunei Darussalam	Kyrgyzstan	Sudan
Burundi	Lebanon	Syrian Arab Republic
Cameroon	Libya	Togo
Central African Republic	Mali	Turkmenistan
Chad	Marshall Islands	Uganda
Comoros	Mauritania	Ukraine
Congo	Nigeria	United Arab Emirates
Cook Islands	Niue	United States of America
Dominica	Oman	Yemen
Equatorial Guinea		

9. Noting the above, the Bureau approved the credentials of representatives of all Parties, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives of the Parties referred to in paragraph 8 above would be submitted to the secretariat as soon as possible. The Bureau agreed to submit this report to the COP, the CMP and the CMA in accordance with rule 20 of the draft rules of procedure being applied. The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the COP, the CMP and the CMA that they accept the credentials of representatives of all Parties mentioned in this report, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives of the Parties referred to in paragraph 8 above shall be submitted to the secretariat as soon as possible, in accordance with rule 21 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.
