

FOR DECISION

Agenda item 8
Report of the Credentials Committee

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Executive summary

Pursuant to Rule 13(1) of its Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly invited the Regional Commissions to nominate the members of the Credentials Committee.

The Committee met on 1 December 2021 and elected Bahrain to perform the function of Chair, and Jamaica to perform the function of Vice-Chair, in accordance with Rule 13(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

During the meeting, the Committee examined the credentials of representatives of Full Members present at the session and decided to accept as valid credentials, including scanned copies, emanating from governments and indicating the composition of the delegations to the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

Action by the General Assembly

DRAFT RESOLUTION¹

The General Assembly

Approves the credentials submitted by the Full and Associate Members listed in the report of the Credentials Committee.

¹ This is a draft resolution. For the final decision adopted by the Assembly, please refer to the Resolutions document issued at the end of the session.

I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to Rule 13(1) of its Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly, at its first technical meeting, invited the Regional Commissions to nominate the members of the Credentials Committee.
2. The following Full Members were appointed: Burkina Faso and Zimbabwe, (Regional Commission for Africa), Guatemala and Jamaica (Regional Commission for the Americas), Samoa (Regional Commission for East Asia and the Pacific), Bhutan (Regional Commission for South Asia), Azerbaijan and Malta (Regional Commission for Europe), and Bahrain (Regional Commission for the Middle East).

II. Meeting of the Committee

3. The Committee met on 1 December 2021 in Madrid.
4. The Committee thus accepted the credentials of the 129 delegations of Full Members indicated below:

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| 1. Albania | 43. Georgia | 87. Panama |
| 2. Algeria | 44. Germany | 88. Paraguay |
| 3. Andorra | 45. Ghana | 89. Peru |
| 4. Angola | 46. Greece | 90. Philippines |
| 5. Argentina | 47. Guatemala | 91. Poland |
| 6. Armenia | 48. Guinea | 92. Portugal |
| 7. Austria | 49. Haiti | 93. Qatar |
| 8. Azerbaijan | 50. Honduras | 94. Republic of Korea |
| 9. Bahamas | 51. Hungary | 95. Republic of Moldova |
| 10. Bahrain | 52. India | 96. Romania |
| 11. Bangladesh | 53. Indonesia | 97. Russian Federation |
| 12. Belarus | 54. Iran, Islamic Republic of | 98. Rwanda |
| 13. Bhutan | 55. Iraq | 99. San Marino |
| 14. Bosnia and Herzegovina | 56. Israel | 100. Sao Tome and Principe |
| 15. Brazil | 57. Italy | 101. Saudi Arabia |
| 16. Bulgaria | 58. Jamaica | 102. Senegal |
| 17. Cabo Verde | 59. Japan | 103. Serbia |
| 18. Cambodia | 60. Jordan | 104. Seychelles |
| 19. Cameroon | 61. Kazakhstan | 105. Sierra Leone |
| 20. Central African Republic | 62. Kenya | 106. Slovakia |
| 21. Chad | 63. Kuwait | 107. Slovenia |
| 22. Chile | 64. Lebanon | 108. South Africa |
| 23. China | 65. Liberia | 109. Spain |
| 24. Colombia | 66. Lithuania | 110. Sri Lanka |
| 25. Comoros | 67. Malaysia | 111. Sudan |
| 26. Congo | 68. Maldives | 112. Switzerland |
| 27. Costa Rica | 69. Mali | 113. Syrian Arab Republic |
| 28. Côte d'Ivoire | 70. Malta | 114. Tajikistan |
| 29. Croatia | 71. Mauritius | 115. Thailand |
| 30. Cuba | 72. Mexico | 116. Timor-Leste |
| 31. Cyprus | 73. Monaco | 117. Togo |
| 32. Czech Republic/Czechia | 74. Montenegro | 118. Tunisia |
| 33. Democratic People's
Republic of Korea | 75. Morocco | 119. Turkey |
| 34. Democratic Republic of the
Congo | 76. Mozambique | 120. Uganda |
| 35. Dominican Republic | 77. Myanmar | 121. United Arab Emirates |
| 36. Ecuador | 78. Namibia | 122. United Republic of Tanzania |
| 37. Egypt | 79. Nepal | 123. Uruguay |
| 38. El Salvador | 80. Netherlands | 124. Uzbekistan |
| 39. Equatorial Guinea | 81. Nicaragua | 125. Venezuela |
| 40. Ethiopia | 82. Niger | 126. Viet Nam |
| 41. France | 83. Nigeria | 127. Yemen |
| 42. Gambia | 84. North Macedonia | 128. Zambia |
| | 85. Oman | 129. Zimbabwe |
| | 86. Pakistan | |

5. The Committee examined, and recognized as valid, the credentials of three Associate Members of the Organization.
6. The Committee examined and recognized as valid, the credentials of the Republic of Congo, the Republic of El Salvador, the Syrian Arab Republic and the State of Kuwait
7. However, the Committee requested the UNWTO Secretariat to follow up with four Full Members in order to regularize their credentials as soon as possible, in accordance with the requirements indicated in resolution 357 (XII) adopted by the General Assembly.
8. Furthermore, the Committee examined, and recognized as valid, one proxy vote from Kyrgyzstan for Agenda item 18 "Place and dates of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly".
9. The Committee reiterates its request to the UNWTO Secretariat to follow up with those Full Members which have not yet submitted the originals of their credentials so that they duly forward them to the UNWTO Secretariat at their earliest convenience, in accordance with the applicable rules.
10. The Committee recommends the Assembly to allow those Full Members that have not submitted their original credentials and that are represented by Ministers or Plenipotentiary Ambassadors to participate with full rights in the present session and requests the Secretariat to follow up with them so that they submit valid credentials at their earliest convenience, according to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.
11. Furthermore, the Committee noted that two sets of different credentials were received from Myanmar, the first dated 12 November 2021 and the second dated 22 November 2021, and reviewed the procedural concerns raised thereby.
12. The Committee took into account the consistent practice of the United Nations indicating that, in matters concerning the recognition by the United Nations of the representation of a Member State, the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations should be guided by the position adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, under resolution 396(V) adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1950. The Committee was informed that the Credentials Committee of the UN General Assembly had not yet considered the question of Myanmar's credentials, which has also arisen at the current session of the United Nations General Assembly.
13. Therefore, the Committee, noting the practice of the United Nations General Assembly and the decisions of other Organizations of the UN system such as the World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization (WHO) at its 74th session held from 24 to 31 May 2021, the International Labour Conference of the International Labour Organization (ILO) at its 109th session held between 7 and 19 June 2021, and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) at its 42nd session held between 8 and 14 June 2021, recommends the Assembly that it defers a decision on the credentials of Myanmar, pending guidance from the Credentials Committee of the current session of the United Nations General Assembly.
14. Following this review, the Committee recommends not to accredit at this stage any delegate from Myanmar.

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