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Report of the Credentials Committee

Credentials of representatives to the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Report of the Credentials Committee¹

Chair: Ms. Julia **Fielding** (Sweden)

1. On 21 June 2021, the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure for Meetings of States Parties, appointed, on the proposal of the President, a credentials committee consisting of the following States parties: Botswana, Costa Rica, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
2. The Credentials Committee held its first meeting on 21 June 2021 and its second meeting on 23 June 2021.
3. At its first meeting, the Credentials Committee elected Julia Fielding (Sweden) as Chair.
4. The Committee had before it three communications concerning representatives of Myanmar to the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties. On 16 June 2021, the Secretariat received a note verbale, dated 16 June 2021, from the Permanent Mission of Myanmar to the United Nations in New York and, on 17 and 21 June 2021, the Secretariat received two communications, dated 14 and 18 June 2021, respectively, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, indicating different individuals who would participate in the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties.
5. Based on the informal consultations held on 21 June 2021, the Chair proposed that the Committee defer its consideration of the three communications pertaining to the representatives of Myanmar. The Committee adopted the proposal without a vote.

¹ At the plenary meeting held on 25 June 2021, the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties accepted the credentials of Mauritius.



6. The Committee also had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 23 June 2021, concerning the credentials of representatives of States parties participating in the thirty-first Meeting.

7. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs or a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 31 States parties: Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Bulgaria, Chile, Cyprus, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Oman, Paraguay, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden and United Kingdom.

8. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, provisional information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the thirty-first Meeting, including representatives of the European Union, had been received by the Secretariat from the following 85 States parties: Algeria, Australia, Bahamas, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czechia, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, European Union, Fiji, France, Gambia, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Maldives, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Ukraine, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

9. The Chair proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chair for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives of States parties participating in the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in the memorandum by the Secretariat dated 23 June 2021,

Noting that, in accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure for Meetings of States Parties and the understanding reached by the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties, the credentials of the representatives of States parties participating in the thirty-first Meeting will continue to be valid until the convening of the thirty-second Meeting,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives referred to in the memorandum by the Secretariat.

10. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

11. Subsequently, the Chair proposed that the Committee recommend to the thirty-first Meeting the adoption of a draft decision (see para. 13). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the thirty-first Meeting.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

13. The Credentials Committee recommends to the thirty-first Meeting the adoption of the following draft decision:

Credentials of representatives of States parties participating in the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

The thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea approves the report of the Credentials Committee on the understanding that the credentials of the representatives of States parties participating in the thirty-first Meeting will continue to be valid until the convening of the thirty-second Meeting, in accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure for Meetings of States Parties.
