
Fourth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

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Report of the Credentials Committee

1. Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Fourth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW/CONF.IV/2) provides that:

“1. There shall be a Credentials Committee of five members elected by the Conference on the proposal of the President.

2. The Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference.”

2. The Fourth Review Conference, at its first plenary meeting, Monday, 14 November 2011, on the proposal of the President, appointed the following countries as members of the Credentials Committee: Cuba, Germany, Romania.

3. The Credentials Committee held meetings on 15, 18, and 23 November 2011 to examine the credentials received as of these dates. Ms. Tamar Rahamimoff-Honig of Israel chaired the Committee and Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill of India served as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee. Ms. Silvia Mercogliano, Political Affairs Officer, Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA), served as Secretary of the Committee.

4. At each of its meetings, the Committee had before it a table from the CCW Implementation Support Unit (ISU) containing information on the status of the credentials of representatives of the High Contracting Parties attending the Conference. At its third meeting on 23 November 2011, the Committee had before it the memorandum dated 23 November 2011 from Mr. Bantan Nugroho, Secretary-General of the Conference, containing the updated information on the status of the credentials of the representatives of the High Contracting Parties attending the Conference.

5. The Committee took note of the information reported by the Implementation Support Unit and decided to accept the credentials of the High Contracting Parties which had submitted formal credentials in due form, as well as of the High Contracting Parties which had presented provisional credentials on the understanding that the originals of the credentials of the latter would be submitted as soon as possible, in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure. The Committee agreed to invite those High Contracting Parties that had not yet done so, to submit to the Secretary-General of the Conference the credentials of their representatives in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure.

6. The Committee examined the credentials, copies of credentials and Notes Verbales for the following High Contracting Parties, Signatory States and non-Signatories:

I. Legal Framework

Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure provides that:

“The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the Conference. Any later changes in the composition of delegations shall also be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government, or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.”

II. High Contracting Parties

As of 3:00 pm. on 23 November 2011.

(a) Formal credentials in due form, as provided for by Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure, had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference for representatives from the following High Contracting Parties:

Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lao PDR, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

(b) Provisional credentials for the representatives of the following High Contracting Parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference:

Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Guinea-Bissau, Montenegro, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Spain, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uganda.

(c) The designation of the representatives of the following High Contracting Parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by Notes Verbales or official letters:

Albania, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liberia, Mali, Malta, Mongolia, Panama, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Uruguay and Venezuela.

III. States not Parties

As of 3:00 p.m. on 23 November 2011, the following States not parties to the Convention, which had been invited as observers, had accredited their representatives:

(a) Signatories: Afghanistan, Egypt, Sudan and Viet Nam.

(b) Non-signatories: Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Burundi, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mozambique, Namibia, Singapore and Thailand.

8. On the proposal of the Chairperson, the Committee agreed to accept the credentials of all those High Contracting Parties referred to in paragraph 6 II (a), (b) and (c), above, on the understanding that the originals of the credentials of the representatives of those High Contracting Parties referred to in paragraph 6 II (b) and (c) would be submitted as soon as possible, in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure.

9. In view of the foregoing, the Committee decided to recommend for adoption by the Conference the draft resolution, as contained in the Annex.

10. At its final meeting, the Credentials Committee adopted by consensus its draft report (CCW/CONF.IV/CC/CRP.1), which is being issued as document CCW/CONF.IV/CC/1/Rev.1.

Annex

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

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

“REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE TO THE FOURTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS

The Fourth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the Recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.”
