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Geneva, 19-30 September 1994

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. At its first plenary meeting on 19 September 1994, the Special Conference decided, in accordance with Rule 3 of its Rules of Procedure, to establish a Credentials Committee to examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.
2. At the same meeting, the Conference elected by acclamation Ambassador J. A. Eksteen of South Africa as Chairman of the Credentials Committee and Ambassador Ludwik Dembinski as Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Olga Sukovic, Senior Political Affairs Officer, Centre for Disarmament Affairs, served as Secretary of the Committee.
3. At its plenary meeting on 20 September, the Conference, in accordance with rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure, appointed the following 5 States Parties as members of the Credentials Committee: Austria, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand and Republic of Korea.
4. The Committee held two meetings, on 27 and 29 September 1994, respectively. At its first meeting on 27 September, it had before it a memorandum dated 27 September 1994 addressed to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee from the Secretary-General of the Conference on the status of the credentials of the representatives of the 76 States Parties participating in the Conference as of 26 September.
5. At its second meeting on 29 September, the Committee had before it a memorandum dated 29 September 1994 from the Secretary-General of the Conference, addressed to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, on the status of the credentials of representatives of States Parties participating in the Conference. The memorandum reads as follows:
  - "(a) As of 28 September 1994, 80 States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction were participating in the Special Conference.
  - (b) As of the same date, formal credentials in due form under Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure were received by the Secretary-General of the Conference from the following 40 States Parties: Austria, Bahrain,

Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

- (c) Provisional credentials of the representatives of the following 9 States Parties were communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference in the form of cables or facsimiles from their Foreign Ministers: Albania, Belarus, Belgium, Colombia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Luxembourg and Mongolia.
- (d) The list of representatives of the following 31 States Parties were communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by letters from their respective missions in Geneva or New York: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia (Transitional Government of), Ghana, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.
- (e) Credentials for the following Signatory States were received through their respective missions: Egypt and Morocco.
- (f) In accordance with Rule 44, para. 2 (a) of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference, at its plenary meeting, on 28 September 1994, accorded observer status to Israel, whose credentials were transmitted through its Permanent Mission."

- 6. Subsequently on 29 September, the Secretary-General of the Conference received credentials in due form, in accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure, for the representative of Uruguay.
- 7. Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to accept the credentials of the representatives of the participating States referred to in paragraphs 5 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the Secretary-General's above-mentioned memorandum of 29 September 1994, and para. 6 above, on the understanding that those States which had not yet submitted formal credentials for their representatives as required by Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure would communicate them to the Secretary-General of the Conference at the earliest date.
- 8. At its second and final meeting on 29 September 1994, the Credentials Committee adopted its report to the Conference.