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Agenda item 9 (b)

Credentials of representatives to the Conference: report of the Credentials Committee

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Ms. Jane Mugafalu Kabui **Waetara** (Solomon Islands)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects provides that:

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its most recent session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

2. At its 1st plenary meeting, held on 18 June 2024, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States: Andorra, China, Grenada, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Togo and United States of America.

3. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 25 June 2024.

4. The Permanent Representative of Solomon Islands to the United Nations, Jane Mugafalu Kabui Waetara, was unanimously elected as Chair.

5. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Conference, dated 24 June 2024, concerning the credentials of representatives of States participating in the Conference. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs made a statement relating to the memorandum.

6. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, as updated by the statement of the Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required under rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, had been submitted to the Secretary-General of the



Conference, as at the time of the meeting of the Committee, by the following 45 States: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Nepal, Niger, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Serbia, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Türkiye, United States of America, Uruguay, Zimbabwe.

7. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, as updated by the statement of the Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, information concerning the appointment of representatives of States to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference, as at the time of the meeting of the Committee, by means of a copy of formal credentials signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the mission concerned, by the following 54 States: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ecuador, Eswatini, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Ukraine, Yemen.

8. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, as updated by the statement of the Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Secretary-General of the Conference had not received formal credentials or the information referred to in paragraph 7 above from the following 98 States, which were invited to participate in the Conference: Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Cook Islands, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Georgia, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Holy See, Iceland, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lesotho, Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nigeria, Niue, North Macedonia, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Tajikistan, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia.

9. The Chair recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of the States listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above-mentioned memorandum, as updated, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 7 above, as well as States referred to in paragraph 8 above, where applicable, would be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference as soon as possible.

10. The Chair proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the States referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General of the Conference, as updated.

11. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair was adopted without a vote.
12. The Chair then proposed that the Committee recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution entitled “Credentials of representatives to the fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects” (see para. 14 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.
13. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

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

Credentials of representatives to the fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

The fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects,

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

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.