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Approval of the report on credentials

Report on credentials

Report of the Bureau

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, “the credentials of representatives as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the secretariat if possible not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the secretariat. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization”.
2. Furthermore, rule 20 of the draft rules of procedure being applied provides that “the Bureau of any session shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties”.
3. The secretariat wishes to remind Parties that in accordance with decision 17/CP.9, and its recommended decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP), credentials from Parties to the Kyoto Protocol will apply for the participation of the Parties’ representatives in sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the

COP/MOP and a single report on credentials would be submitted for approval, following established procedures, by the Bureau of the COP to the COP and to the COP/MOP.

4. The present report is submitted to the COP and to the COP/MOP in the light of the foregoing.

II. Credentials of Parties to the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

5. On 9 December 2005, the Bureau met to examine the credentials submitted by Parties to the Convention and Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

6. The Bureau had before it a memorandum dated 9 December 2005 from the Officer-in-Charge on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the session. The information in this memorandum is reflected below.

7. As of 9 December 2005, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority, as provided for in rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, being applied, decision 17/CP.9 and its recommended COP/MOP decision, have been submitted for the representatives of the following 152 Parties participating in the session: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, European Community, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Niue, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

8. Furthermore, as of 9 December 2005, the secretariat had received information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the sessions which has been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, from the following 30 Parties in the session: Afghanistan, Belarus, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African

Republic, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Myanmar, Nigeria, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Republic of Moldova, São Tomé and Príncipe, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Yemen.

9. Consequently, the President proposed that the Bureau should accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Officer-in-Charge, on the understanding that formal credentials for the representatives referred to in paragraph 8 above would be submitted to the secretariat as soon as possible. The Bureau accepted the proposal and agreed to submit the present report to the COP and COP/MOP. The Bureau further agreed to recommend to the COP and COP/MOP that they take note of this report.
