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Credentials of representatives to the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Mr. Rodney **Charles** (Trinidad and Tobago)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 18 September 2012, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its sixty-seventh session consisting of the following Member States: Angola, China, Peru, Russian Federation, Seychelles, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago and United States of America.
2. The Credentials Committee held its 1st meeting on 28 September 2012.
3. Mr. Rodney Charles was unanimously elected Chair.
4. The Credentials Committee had before it two sets of credentials received from the representatives of Guinea-Bissau for the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly. The first set was a copy of the credentials signed by the Interim President of Guinea-Bissau, Mr. Raimundo Pereira, dated 17 September 2012, received under cover of a note verbale from the Permanent Mission dated 18 September 2012. The second set of credentials was in the form a copy of a letter signed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Communities of the Transitional Government, Mr. Faustino Fudut Imbali, dated 28 September 2012.
5. The Committee was informed by the Secretariat that the delegates listed in the credentials signed by the Interim President of Guinea-Bissau, dated 17 September 2012, had been issued passes by the Secretariat that allowed them to participate provisionally in the activities of the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies. The passes had been issued prior to receiving the second set of credentials signed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Communities of the Transitional Government, whereupon the matter had been referred to the Credentials Committee at the request of the President of the General Assembly.
6. After taking note of the information provided by the Secretariat, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the credentials of Guinea-Bissau until a later date.
7. The Committee held its 2nd meeting on 4 December 2012.



8. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 3 December 2012 concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly. The memorandum indicated that credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided in rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, had been submitted by the following 131 Member States: Afghanistan, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Iceland, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

9. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly had been communicated to the Secretary-General, by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 61 Member States: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Myanmar, Nicaragua, Niger, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda and Yemen.

10. The Chair recalled that two sets of credentials had been received for Guinea-Bissau. He proposed that the Committee once again defer its consideration of the credentials submitted by Guinea-Bissau but accept the credentials of the remaining Member States.

11. The members of the Committee decided to adopt the proposal on the understanding that the representatives of Guinea-Bissau, who currently participate provisionally, will continue to have the right to participate provisionally in the

activities of the sixty-seventh session with all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other Member States whose credentials have been accepted until such time as the Credentials Committee reviews the matter and makes a final recommendation to the General Assembly. Should there be a formal objection during the sixty-seventh session to the participation of Guinea-Bissau, then such an objection could, within the framework of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, be referred to the Credentials Committee for its consideration.

12. The Chair proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraph 9 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible:

“The Credentials Committee,

“Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the report of the Credentials Committee,

“Accepts, subject to the decision referred to in paragraph 11, the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned.”

13. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair was adopted without a vote.

14. The Chair then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled “Credentials of representatives to the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly” (see para. 16). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

15. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

16. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

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

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.