

2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Credentials of Representatives to the Conference

Interim Report of the Credentials Committee

1. Rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons provides:

“The Conference shall establish a Credentials Committee composed of the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen elected in accordance with rule 5, and six members appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President. The Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.”

2. In accordance with rule 5 of its rules of procedures, the Conference unanimously elected Mr. Abulkalam Abdul Momen (Bangladesh) as Chairman of the Credentials Committee and Mr. Ogtay Ismayil-Zada (Azerbaijan) and Mr. Steffen Kongstad (Norway) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

3. In accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure, the Conference on the proposal of the President, appointed the following countries as members of the Credentials Committee: Czech Republic, Mauritius, Republic of Moldova, Turkey, Uganda and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

4. The Committee held two meetings on 6 May and 11 May 2010, to examine the credentials received thus far. The Committee is submitting the current interim report pursuant to the request in rule 3 that the Committee report to the Conference without delay.

5. The Secretary-General of the Conference has kept the Credentials Committee informed of the status of credentials of the representatives of the States parties attending the Conference.

6. The Credentials Committee has noted that as of 13 May 2010:

(a) Formal credentials in due form, as provided for by rule 2 of the rules of procedure, have been received by the Secretary-General of the Conference for representatives of the following 77 States parties: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Myanmar, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor Leste, Togo,



Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela.

(b) Provisional credentials for the representatives of the following 88 States parties have been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs or by means of a note verbale or letter from the Permanent Mission concerned: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Botswana, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Federates States of Micronesia, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Switzerland, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

(c) The following 25 States parties have not submitted any written notice that they are attending the Conference nor their credentials: Burundi, Chad, Democratic People's Republic of Korea¹, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Niger, Palau, Paraguay, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Somalia, Suriname, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

7. Taking note of the information relayed by the Secretary-General of the Conference, the Committee requested the Chairman to invite those States parties participating in the Conference that had not yet done so to submit to the Secretary-General of the Conference the credentials of their representatives in accordance with rule 2 of the rules of procedure. The Committee's request was communicated by the Chairman to the States parties through a note contained in document NPT/CONF.2010/INF/7.

8. The Credentials Committee seized the opportunity of this interim report to remind delegations once again of the requirements of rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

“The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisors shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, if possible not less than one week before the date fixed for the opening of the Conference. Credentials shall be issued either by the head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.”

¹ Announced its withdrawal on 10 January 2003. The legal status of the DPRK as a State party is uncertain.