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**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE ON
THE CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

1. Introduction

The Credentials Committee, consisting of Austria, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Malaysia, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Slovakia, and Uruguay met under the leadership of its Chairperson, Mr Jozef Kušlita, Deputy Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the OPCW, on Monday, 29 November and Wednesday, 1 December 2021.

2. Examination of credentials

In accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”), the Credentials Committee examined the credentials submitted by States Parties wishing to participate in the Twenty-Sixth Session of the Conference and verified the following facts:

- (a) Originals of credentials in the form required by Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference had been received from the following 89 States Parties:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, the Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, the State of Palestine, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Uruguay, and Zambia.



- (b) Faxes or copies of credentials in the form required by Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference had been received from the following 53 States Parties:

Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Eswatini, the Gambia, Ghana, Honduras, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, the Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Monaco, Namibia, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Palau, Paraguay, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Togo, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, and Zimbabwe.
- (c) Official communications had not been received from the following States Parties regarding their representation: Afghanistan, Burundi, Cambodia, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, and the United Republic of Tanzania. Further requests to submit credentials were made to those States Parties by the Technical Secretariat.
- (d) Procedural concerns were raised regarding competing credentials presented by Myanmar.

3. Report and recommendations to the Conference

- 3.1 Based on the foregoing, the Credentials Committee decided to report to the Conference that the credentials of the States Parties referred to in subparagraphs 2(a) and 2(b) above were in the form required by Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.
- 3.2 The Credentials Committee recommended that the Conference:
 - (a) accept outright the credentials of representatives of the States Parties listed in subparagraph 2(a) above;
 - (b) provisionally accept the credentials of representatives of the States Parties listed in subparagraph 2(b) above, pending submission of the original versions; and
 - (c) defer a decision on the credentials of Myanmar, thereby leaving the seat vacant for the Conference session.
- 3.3 The Credentials Committee adopted its report to the Conference and recommended that the Conference approve it.