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**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
ON THE CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

1. Introduction

The Credentials Committee, consisting of Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Greece, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, and the United Arab Emirates, met under the leadership of its Chairperson, H.E. Mr Abuelgasim Abdelwahid Shiekh Idris of Sudan, on Wednesday, 2 December 2009 at 14:30.

2. Examination of credentials

2.1 The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Director-General, dated 2 December 2009, concerning the presentation of credentials by Member States wishing to participate in the Fourteenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”). The Credentials Committee examined the credentials themselves, and verified the facts stated in the memorandum, which are as follows:

- (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 93 Member States:

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, and Viet Nam.



- (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 26 Member States:

Afghanistan, Botswana, Denmark, Guatemala, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Peru, Romania, Samoa, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, and Zambia.

- (c) An official communication was received regarding the representation of Argentina, Burundi, and Ecuador. Formal credentials would be submitted in due course.

2.2 The Credentials Committee was of the view that representatives of the Member States listed in 2.1(b) and 2.1(c) above should be permitted to participate provisionally in the Conference, pending the submission of the original versions of their credentials.

2.3 The Credentials Committee also considered a *note verbale* that had been submitted to the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat"), dated 13 November 2009, from the Embassy of Mexico in the Netherlands, which brought to the attention of the Secretariat United Nations General Assembly resolution A/Res/63/301, Organization of American States resolution AG/Res.2 (XXXVII-E/09), and several other resolutions and declarations of the Permanent Mechanism of Consultation and Political Concertation ("the Rio Group"), pertaining to the status of the *de facto* Government of Honduras.

2.4 Pursuant to rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the States Parties, the Credentials Committee decided, in view of the communications referred to in paragraph 2.3 of the present report, and in light of the fact that the Government of Honduras had not submitted its credentials to the Fourteenth Session of the Conference, that no decision by the Credentials Committee was required on the matter, unless a request for participation by the Government of Honduras was received by the Secretariat before the end of the session.

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 Member States referred to in subparagraphs 2.1(a) and 2.1(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 Member States listed in 2.1(a) above;
- (b) provisionally accept the credentials of representatives of the Member States listed in 2.1(b) above, pending the submission of the original versions; and

- (c) provisionally permit the Member States listed in 2.1(c) above to attend the Conference, on the understanding that the originals of the credentials of the representatives of those States would be submitted as soon as possible.
- 3.3 The Credentials Committee unanimously adopted its report to the Conference and recommended that the Conference approve it.

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