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Agenda item 7 (b)

**Credentials of representatives to the Conference**

## **Report of the Credentials Committee**

*Chair:* Mr. Juan Carlos **Espinosa** (Panama)

1. Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development provides that:

“A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-sixth session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.”

2. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 20 June 2012, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its provisional rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee having the same composition as that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-sixth session, namely, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Italy, Maldives, Panama, Russian Federation, Senegal and United States of America.

3. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 21 June 2012.

4. Mr. Juan Carlos Espinosa (Panama) was unanimously elected Chair.

5. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the secretariat of the Conference dated 21 June 2012 on the credentials of representatives of Member States participating in the Conference. A representative of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made a statement relating to the memorandum by the secretariat of the Conference, in which, inter alia, he updated the memorandum to indicate credentials and communications received subsequent to its preparation.

6. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required by rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, had been received as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 69 Member States: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia,



Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam and Yemen.

7. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of representatives of Member States to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference as at the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the mission concerned, by the following 122 Member States: Afghanistan, Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and the statement related thereto, the following two Member States invited to participate in the Conference had not, as at the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference any information regarding their representatives to the Conference: Andorra and San Marino.

9. The Committee decided to accept the credentials of the representatives of all Member States listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above-mentioned memorandum and the statement relating thereto, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraph 7 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference as soon as possible.

10. The Committee adopted the following draft resolution without a vote:

*“The Credentials Committee,*

*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above-mentioned memorandum.”

11. The Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 13 below).
12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

**Recommendation of the Credentials Committee**

13. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

**“Credentials of representatives to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**

*The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,*

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

*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee.”

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