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Report of the Credentials Committee

Credentials of representatives at the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

Chair: Mr. Mohan Pieris (Sri Lanka)

1. In 2020, the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a credentials committee, under silence procedure, consisting of the following nine members: Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Czechia, Lesotho, Myanmar, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Spain.
2. On 9 December 2021, the Credentials Committee held a meeting and elected Mohan Pieris (Sri Lanka) as its Chair. On 14 December, the Committee held a meeting to examine the credentials of the representatives participating in the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly.
3. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the secretariat dated 14 December 2021 on the status of those credentials.
4. As at 14 December, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by the Minister had been submitted for the representatives of the following 62 States participating in the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Ghana, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kiribati, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, Myanmar, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia.
5. As at 14 December, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of initialled notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations, permanent missions to the International Seabed Authority and other government offices or authorities by

* New dates of the in-person meetings originally scheduled for July 2020 and then July 2021.



19 States participating in the Assembly, namely Brazil, Cameroon, Czechia, Egypt, Fiji, Gabon, Germany, Iraq, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe, as well as by the European Union.

6. The Chair proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the secretariat with the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 5 would be communicated to the secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft decision was proposed by the Chair for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives at the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum by the secretariat dated 14 December 2021,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.

7. The draft decision was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

8. Subsequently, the Chair proposed that the Committee recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the draft decision contained in paragraph 10 below.

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

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

10. The Credentials Committee recommends that the Assembly adopt the following draft decision:

Draft decision of the Assembly relating to the credentials of representatives at the twenty-sixth session of the International Seabed Authority

The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority approves the report of the Credentials Committee.¹

¹ ISBA/26/A/30.