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### **Credentials of representatives to the ninth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority**

#### **Report of the Credentials Committee**

*Chairman:* Ambassador Helmut **Tuerk** (Austria)

1. At its 87th plenary meeting, on 5 August 2003, the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Austria, Brazil, Czech Republic, Ghana, Greece, Jamaica, Japan, Malaysia and Uganda.
2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 5 August 2003, and elected Ambassador Helmut Tuerk (Austria) as its Chairman for the ninth session.
3. The Credentials Committee examined the credentials of the representatives participating in the current session of the Assembly. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat dated 5 August 2003 on the status of those credentials.
4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, formal credentials issued by the head of State or Government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs or a person authorized by the Minister had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 55 States participating in the current session of the Assembly: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Viet Nam.
5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the current 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

Authority, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities by the following three States participating in the Assembly: Algeria, Egypt and Papua New Guinea.

6. The Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft decision was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

*“The Credentials Committee,*

*“Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the ninth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 5 August 2003,*

*“Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.”*

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

8. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Assembly for adoption the draft decision contained in paragraph 10 below. The proposal was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

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 to the Assembly for adoption the following draft decision:

#### **Decision of the Assembly relating to the credentials of representatives to the ninth session of the International Seabed Authority**

“The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

“Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.”

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