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Report of the Credentials Committee

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

Chair: Mr. Carl **Grainger** (Ireland)

1. At its 207th meeting, on 29 July 2024, the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a Credentials Committee, consisting of the following eight members: Brazil, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, South Africa and Switzerland.
2. On 31 July 2024, the Credentials Committee held a meeting to examine the credentials of the representatives participating in the twenty-ninth session of the Assembly. At the meeting, Carl Grainger (Ireland) was elected as the Chair of the Committee for the twenty-ninth session. A subsequent meeting was held on 2 August 2024 by the Committee to further examine credentials and proxy voting documents received by the secretariat on 31 July and 1 August 2024.
3. At its latter meeting, the Committee had before it a memorandum of the secretariat dated 2 August 2024 on the status of those credentials.
4. As at 2 August 2024, 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 members of the Assembly of the following 83 States participating in the twenty-ninth session of the Assembly: Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nigeria, Niue, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Switzerland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe, as well as the European Union.
5. As at 2 August 2024, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twenty-ninth 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 any other government offices or authorities by the following 11 States participating in the Assembly: Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Ecuador, Guyana, Haiti, Kuwait, Marshall Islands, Sierra Leone, Tonga, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania.

6. As at 2 August 2024, proxy voting documents concerning the authorization of a representative of one member State to act as the representative of another member State during the twenty-ninth session of the Assembly for the purpose of voting under specific agenda items or on specific proposals had been communicated in the form of initialled notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations, permanent missions to the International Seabed Authority and any other government offices or authorities by the following 34 States: Algeria, Bahrain, Belize, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Gabon, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Liberia, Mauritania, Monaco, Niue, Oman, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sweden, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Ukraine and Uruguay.

7. The Chair proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives and proxy voting documents mentioned in the memorandum of the secretariat with the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 5 above 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-ninth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the secretariat dated 2 August 2024,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned,

And having further examined the proxy voting documents for voting under specific agenda items or on specific proposals during the twenty-ninth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraph 3 of the memorandum of the secretariat dated 2 August 2024,

Recognizes as valid the proxy voting documents concerned.

8. The draft decision was adopted by the Committee without a vote.
9. Subsequently, the Chair proposed that the Committee recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the draft decision contained in paragraph 11 below.
10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

11. 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-ninth session of the International Seabed Authority

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

¹ ISBA/29/A/10/Rev.1.