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Report of the Credentials Committee

Credentials of representatives at the thirty-first session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

Chair: H.E. Mrs Alveta Knight (Bahamas)

1. At its 227th meeting, on 28 July 2026 the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following eight members: Bahamas, Belgium, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Kenya and Tonga.
2. On 29 July 2026, the Credentials Committee held a meeting and elected H.E. Mrs. Alveta Knight (Bahamas) as its Chair. The Committee examined the credentials of the representatives participating in the thirty-first session of the Assembly. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the secretariat dated 29 July 2026 on the status of those credentials.
3. As at 29 July 2026, 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 following 78 members of the Assembly participating in the thirty-first session of the Assembly: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czechia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, European Union, Micronesia (Federated States of), Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Naoero, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, Vanuatu, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
4. As at 29 July 2026, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the thirty-first session of the Assembly had been communicated by means of email 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 for the following 7 members: Angola, Brazil, Cuba, Kiribati, Pakistan, Uganda, Viet Nam.

5. The Committee also had before it a proxy voting document communicated by initialled note verbale dated 28 July 2026 from the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, authorizing a member of the delegation of the Kingdom of Belgium, to vote as appropriate on behalf of the delegation of Luxembourg on specified items of the agenda of the thirty-first session of the Assembly.

6. The Chair proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 4 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 thirty-first session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum by the secretariat dated 29 July 2026,

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 9 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 thirty-first session of the International Seabed Authority

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

¹ ISBA/31/A/12