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Credentials of representatives

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Carl Grainger (Ireland)

1. At the organizational meeting of the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, held from 16 to 18 April 2018, the conference decided that the rules of procedure and the established practice of the General Assembly, as modified by General Assembly resolution [72/249](#), would apply mutatis mutandis to the conference.
2. Rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides as follows:

A Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session. It shall consist of nine members, who shall be appointed by the General Assembly on the proposal of the President. The Committee shall elect its own officers. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report without delay.
3. At the first plenary meeting of the organizational meeting, held on 16 April 2018, the conference decided that the composition of the Credentials Committee of the conference would follow the composition of the Credentials Committee of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly and appointed Cabo Verde, China, Dominica, Indonesia, Ireland, the Russian Federation, Uganda, the United States of America and Uruguay as members of the Credentials Committee for the entire duration of the conference.
4. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 12 September 2018.
5. Carl Grainger (Ireland) was elected as the Chair of the Committee.
6. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 11 September 2018 concerning the credentials of representatives participating in the



conference. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs made a statement relating to the memorandum.

7. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials of representatives to the conference, in the form required under rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, had been submitted to the Secretary-General, as at the date of the memorandum, by the European Union and the following 100 States: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Holy See, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kiribati, Latvia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam.

8. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives to the conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General, as at the date of the memorandum, by means of a facsimile communication 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 30 States: Angola, Azerbaijan, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Gabon, Gambia, Grenada, Guinea, Kenya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Nepal, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Timor-Leste, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Vanuatu and Zambia.

9. The Chair recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of the States listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above-mentioned memorandum, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives of States referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, as well as other States that have not yet submitted formal credentials, where applicable, would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

10. The Chair proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General.

11. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair was adopted without a vote.

12. The Chair then proposed that the Committee recommend to the conference the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Credentials of representatives to the

intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction” (see para. 14 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

13. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

14. The Credentials Committee recommends to the conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

The intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction,

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

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.
