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## **2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development**

Nice, France, 9–13 June 2025

Agenda item 7 (b)

**Credentials of representatives to the Conference**

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

*Chair:* Asha **Challenger** (Antigua and Barbuda)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the 2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development provides that:

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its current session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

2. One State that was a member of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session was not available to serve on the Credentials Committee of the Conference. Therefore, in line with past practice, the President of the Conference, at the 1st plenary meeting of the Conference, held on 9 June 2025, proposed to the Conference that, from the Western European and other States, Canada be appointed to the one vacant seat.

3. At the same plenary meeting, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States: Antigua and Barbuda, Cabo Verde, Canada, China, Dominica, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Monaco and Russian Federation.

4. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 12 June 2025.

5. The representative of Antigua and Barbuda, Asha Challenger, was unanimously elected as Chair.

6. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 11 June 2025 concerning the credentials of representatives of States and of the



European Union. A representative of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat made a statement relating to the memorandum.

7. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, as updated by the statement of the representative of the Office of Legal Affairs, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required under rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, had been submitted to the Secretary-General, as at the time of the meeting of the Committee, by the following 72 States: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas (The), Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Greece, Grenada, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Maldives, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Niue, Norway, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Seychelles, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Türkiye, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zimbabwe.

8. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, as updated by the statement of the representative of the Office of the Legal Affairs, information concerning the appointment of representatives of States to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General, as at the time of the meeting of the Committee, by means of a copy of formal credentials signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the ministry, embassy or mission concerned, by the European Union and the following 108 States: Albania, Andorra, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, State of Palestine, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia.

9. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, as updated by the statement of the representative of the Office of Legal Affairs, the Secretary-General had not received the formal credentials or information referred to in paragraph 8 above from the following 16 States invited to participate in the Conference: Afghanistan, Belarus, Bhutan, Central African Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Eritrea, Guyana, Liechtenstein, Nepal, Nicaragua, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, South Sudan, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago and Uganda.

10. The Chair recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of the States and of the European Union listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above-mentioned memorandum, as updated, on the understanding that formal

credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, as updated, as well as States referred to in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, as updated, and where applicable, would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

11. The Committee had before it a communication concerning the representation of Myanmar at the Conference dated 7 May 2025, from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations. Acknowledging the report of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session (A/79/613), the Chair proposed that the Committee defer its decision on the credentials pertaining to the representatives of Myanmar to the Conference. The proposal was adopted without a vote.

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

*The Credentials Committee,*

*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the 2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development,

*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the States and of the European Union referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General, as updated.

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

14. The Chair then proposed that the Committee recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution entitled “Credentials of representatives to the 2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development” (see para. 16 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

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

#### **Recommendation of the Credentials Committee**

16. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

**Credentials of representatives to the 2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development**

*The 2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development,*

*Having considered* the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,<sup>1</sup>

*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> A/CONF.230/2025/15.