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**Report of the Credentials Committee**

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## A. REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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### CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, held on Friday, 4 March 1983, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States: Belgium, Brazil, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Nicaragua, Senegal, United States of America and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 6 April 1983.

3. Mr. Geraldo Eulalio do Nascimento e Silva (Brazil) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum dated 5 April 1983, from the Representative of the Secretary-General to the Conference, the Legal Counsel, on the status of the credentials of the representatives to the Conference. The memorandum stated that, as of 5 April 1983, the Secretariat of the Conference had received credentials as indicated below:

(a) Credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs as provided for in rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, had been received in respect of representatives of the following 68 States: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Byelorussian SSR, Canada, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Islamic Republic of; Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Senegal, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian SSR, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia.

(b) As to Namibia represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia, and invited to the Conference pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of General Assembly resolution 37/11 of 15 November 1982, four representatives were accredited, respectively, by a note verbale from the Acting President of the United Nations Council for Namibia, by a cable from the Pres-

ident of the United Nations Council for Namibia, and by a cable from the Secretary of the United Nations Council for Namibia.

(c) Credentials in the form of a cable from the Head of State or Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs had been received in respect of representatives of four States, namely: Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Mali and Syrian Arab Republic.

(d) The Secretariat further had received credentials in the form of letters, notes verbales or cables emanating from a foreign ministry, a permanent representative, an ambassador, a minister other than the foreign minister or from a permanent mission or embassy of the State concerned in respect of representatives of the following 16 States: Guatemala, Holy See, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Malaysia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Uruguay, Yemen and Zaire.

(e) As of 5 April 1983, no credentials had been received from the representatives of three States participating in the Conference, namely: Congo, Mozambique and Oman.

5. The Chairman noted that the memorandum from the representative of the Secretary-General to the Conference had been drawn up in a manner permitting its text to be incorporated in the report of the Committee.

6. On the proposal of the Chairman the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

#### *The Credentials Committee,*

*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of State Property, Archives and Debts, referred to in paragraph 4 of its report,

1. *Accepts* the credentials referred to in paragraph 4(a) of its report,

2. *Accepts provisionally* the communications relating to the representatives of the 20 States referred to in paragraph 4(c) and (d) of its report pending the receipt of credentials complying with rule 3 of the rules of procedure,

3. *Recommends* that the representatives of the three States referred to in paragraph 4(e) of its report should continue to participate provisionally in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure, pending the receipt of credentials complying with rule 3.

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7. The Committee further decided to authorize the Chairman with the assistance of the Secretary to formulate the report of the Committee and to present the report to the Conference after consultation with interested members of the Committee. The Chairman also was authorized to supplement the report of the Committee so as to reflect any additional registration credentials and communications received by the Secretariat subsequent to the Committee's meeting.

**Recommendation of the Credentials Committee**

8. Finally, the Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to recommend the following draft resolution for adoption by the Conference:

**Credentials of representatives to the United Nations Conference on Succession of States**

*The United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of State Property, Archives and Debts,*

*Having examined* the report of the Credentials Committee,

*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee.

[Adopted by the Conference at its 10th plenary meeting.]