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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Martin Weiss (Austria)

1. At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 24 March 1998, the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Gabon, Japan and Kenya.
2. During this part of the session, the Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 25 March 1998, and elected Mr. Martin Weiss (Austria) as its Chairman for the fourth session.
3. The Credentials Committee examined the credentials of the representatives participating in the current session of the Assembly. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat dated 25 March 1998 on the status of those credentials.
4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs or a person authorized by the Minister had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 59 States participating in the current session of the Assembly: Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Sudan, Sweden, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom

of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Zambia.

5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the current 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 Authority, permanent missions to the United Nations or other Government offices or authorities by the following 11 States: Australia, Bahrain, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Honduras, Italy, Nigeria, Qatar, Spain and Switzerland.

6. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, the credentials of the representatives of the European Community had also been received from the President of the European Commission.

7. The Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the first part of the fourth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 25 March 1998,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned."

8. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

9. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Assembly for adoption the draft resolution contained in paragraph 11 below. The proposal was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

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 to the Assembly for adoption the following draft resolution:

"DECISION OF THE ASSEMBLY RELATING TO THE CREDENTIALS OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FIRST PART OF THE FOURTH SESSION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

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