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## **Credentials of representatives to the twentieth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority**

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

*Chair:* Godelieve Van den Bergh (Belgium)

1. At its 146th plenary meeting, held on 23 July 2014, the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Belgium, Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar, Panama, South Africa, Russian Federation, Trinidad and Tobago and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 23 July 2014, and elected Godelieve Van den Bergh (Belgium) as its Chair for the twentieth 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 23 July 2014 on the status of those credentials.
4. As at 23 July 2014, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by the Minister, have been submitted for the representatives of the following 64 States participating in the twentieth session of the Assembly: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Cook Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lesotho, Mexico, Micronesia, Monaco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Samoa, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Vanuatu and Viet Nam.
5. As at 23 July 2014, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twentieth session of the Assembly has been communicated by



means of facsimile 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 other Government offices or authorities, by the following two States and the European Union participating in the Assembly: Saudi Arabia and Uganda.

6. The Chair 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 memorandum 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 to the twentieth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the secretariat dated 23 July 2014,*

*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 for adoption the draft decision contained in paragraph 10 below. The proposal was adopted by the Committee without a vote.
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 to the Assembly for adoption the following draft decision:

### **Decision of the Assembly relating to the credentials of representatives to the twentieth session of the International Seabed Authority**

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

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