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Report of the Credentials Committee

Credentials of representatives at the twenty-third session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

Chair: Ye Minn Thein (Myanmar)

1. At its 163rd plenary meeting, held on 15 August 2017, the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Belgium, Ghana, Guyana, Lebanon, Myanmar, Norway, Panama, Poland and Russian Federation.
2. The same day, the Credentials Committee held one meeting and elected Ye Minn Thein (Myanmar) as its Chair for the twenty-third session.
3. The Credentials Committee examined the credentials of the representatives participating in the present session of the Assembly. The Committee had before it a memorandum of the secretariat dated 15 August 2017 on the status of those credentials.
4. As at 15 August 2017, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by the Minister had been submitted for the representatives of the following 51 States participating in the twenty-third session of the Assembly: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Cook Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, Czechia, Ecuador, France, Ghana, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, Myanmar, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.¹
5. As at 15 August, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twenty-third 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 United Nations, permanent missions to the

¹ As listed in para. 1 of the memorandum of the secretariat.



International Seabed Authority and other government offices or authorities by nine States participating in the Assembly, namely, Cuba, Egypt, Fiji, Germany, Indonesia, Morocco, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Uganda, in addition to the European Union.²

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 at the twenty-third session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the secretariat dated 15 August 2017,

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 the adoption of the draft decision contained in paragraph 10 below.
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 that the Assembly adopt the following draft decision:

Draft decision of the Assembly relating to the credentials of representatives at the twenty-third session of the International Seabed Authority

The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority approves the report of the Credentials Committee.³

² As listed in para. 2 of the memorandum of the secretariat.

³ [ISBA/23/A/9](#).