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OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Helmut TURK (Austria)

1. At its 44th plenary meeting on 26 March 1997, the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Cameroon, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Japan and Nigeria.
2. The Credentials Committee met on 26 March 1997 and elected Mr. Helmut Turk (Austria) as its Chairman.
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 26 March 1997 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, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by the Minister had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 63 States participating in the current session of the Assembly: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Cameroon, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Sudan, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic

of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zambia.

5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the third 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 or other Government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 10 States: Bahrain, Brazil, Chile, Cyprus, Honduras, Qatar, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

6. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, the credentials of the representatives of the European Community have 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 third session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 26 March 1997,

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:

"Credentials of representatives to the third session of the Assembly of  
the International Seabed Authority

"The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.”