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Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Ambassador Helmut **Tuerk** (Austria)

1. At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 31 May 2004, the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Austria, Brazil, Czech Republic, Ghana, Greece, Jamaica, Japan, Malaysia and Uganda.
2. The Credentials Committee held a meeting, on 1 June 2004, and elected Ambassador Helmut Tuerk (Austria) as its Chairman for the tenth 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 1 June 2004 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 him had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 74 States participating in the current session of the Assembly: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, the Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, **Panama**, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Yemen.

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 **four** States participating in the Assembly: Djibouti, Lebanon, Somalia and Uruguay.

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 memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

8. **The following draft decision was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:**

“The Credentials Committee,

“Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the tenth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 1 June 2004,

“Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.”

9. The draft decision was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

10. As of 3 June 2004, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the tenth session of the Assembly has also been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of initialled notes verbales from permanent missions to the United Nations and other government offices or authorities, by the following 10 States participating in the Assembly: Armenia, Iceland, Madagascar, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Fed. States of), Monaco, Nauru, Palau, Tonga and Tuvalu.

11. The Credentials Committee, on 3 June 2004, held a further meeting to examine the credentials referred to in paragraph 10 of the present report. The Chairman proposed that the Committee also accept the credentials submitted by those members of the Authority on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives concerned would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

12. The proposal referred to in paragraph 11 of this report was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

13. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Assembly for adoption the draft decision contained in paragraph 15 below. The proposal was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

14. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

15. 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 tenth session of the International Seabed Authority**

“The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

“Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.”
