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Credentials of representatives to the twelfth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Ms. Anna **Sotaniemi** (Finland)

1. At its 103rd plenary meeting, on 10 August 2006, the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Australia, China, Finland, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Namibia, Russian Federation, and the United Republic of Tanzania.
2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 15 August 2006, and elected Ms. Anna Sotaniemi (Finland) as its Chairman for the twelfth 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 15 August 2006 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 44 States participating in the current session of the Assembly: Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Guyana, Honduras, India, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mozambique, Myanmar, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Viet Nam.
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 20 States participating in the Assembly: Brazil, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Fiji, Guinea, Indonesia, Kenya, Kuwait, Malta, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Samoa, South Africa, Spain and the United Republic of Tanzania.

6. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, the credentials of the representatives of the European Commission 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. 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 twelfth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 15 August 2006,

“Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.”

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

9. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Assembly for adoption the draft decision 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 decision:

Decision of the Assembly relating to the credentials of representatives to the twelfth session of the International Seabed Authority

“The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

“Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.”