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Report of the Credentials Committee

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

Chair: Mr. Clemens Wackernagel (Germany)

1. At its 197th meeting, on 24 July 2023 the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a Credentials Committee, consisting of the following eight members: China, Dominican Republic, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago and Zimbabwe.
2. On 26 July 2023, the Credentials Committee held a meeting and elected Mr. Clemens Wackernagel (Germany) as its Chair for the twenty-eighth session. The Committee examined the credentials of the representatives participating in the twenty-eighth session of the Assembly. The Committee had before it a memorandum of the secretariat dated 26 July 2023 on the status of those credentials.
3. As of 26 July 2023, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by him/her have been submitted for the members of the Assembly of the following 58 States participating in the twenty-eighth session of the Assembly, from 24 to 28 July 2023: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, European Union, Fiji, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia, Monaco, Morocco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.
4. As of 26 July 2023, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twenty-eighth session of the Assembly has been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of initialled notes verbale from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations, permanent missions to the International Seabed Authority and any other government offices or authorities by the

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following 6 States participating in the Assembly, from 24 to 28 July 2023: Brazil, Italy, Kiribati, Nigeria, Palau and Sierra Leone.

5. The Chair proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the secretariat with the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 4 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-eighth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the secretariat dated 26 July 2023,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.

6. The draft decision was adopted by the Committee without a vote.
7. Subsequently, the Chair proposed that the Committee recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the draft decision contained in paragraph 10 below.
8. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

9. 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-eighth session of the International Seabed Authority

The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority approves the report of the Credentials Committee.¹

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