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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SECOND PART OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Helmut Tuerk (Austria)

- 1. At its 10th plenary meeting on 3 March 1995, the first session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Austria, China, Japan, Nigeria, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Poland and the United States of America.
- 2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting on 14 March 1995.
- 3. Mr. Helmut Tuerk (Austria) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.
- 4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat dated 14 March 1995, on the status of Credentials of representatives participating in the second part of the first session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority.
- 5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, formal credentials by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 59 States participating in the session of the Assembly: Algeria, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Fiji, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, Paraguay, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen and Zambia.

- 6. The Secretariat has also received formal credentials from the European Community.
- 7. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the second part of the first session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbale from Ministries, Embassies, Permanent Missions to the United Nations or other Government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 28 States participating in the Assembly: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria, Burkina Faso, Czech Republic, Dominica, Egypt, Honduras, Italy, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Swaziland, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.
- 8. 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 the adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"<u>Having examined</u> the credentials of the representatives to the second part of the first session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 14 March 1995,

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned".

- 9. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.
- 10. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the plenary of the Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution referred to below. The proposal was adopted by the Committee without a vote.
- 11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the plenary of the Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the second part of the first session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

The second part of the first session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee."