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Report of the Credentials Committee

I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to rule 13(1) of its Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly invited the Regional Commissions to nominate the members of the Credentials Committee. The following Full Members were appointed: Cyprus, Ethiopia, Haiti, Israel, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Mali, Paraguay and Qatar.

II. Meeting of the Committee

2. At its meeting on 26 August, the Credentials Committee elected **Haiti** represented by Mr. Richard Boncy, to perform the functions of Chair and **Qatar**, represented by Mr. Mohammed Al Hafnawi, to perform the functions of Vice-Chair (rule 13(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly).

3. During the meeting, the Committee examined the credentials of representatives and decided to accept as valid credentials the full powers and official communications, including signed faxes and scanned copies, emanating from governments and indicating the composition of the delegations to the twentieth session of the General Assembly.

4. The Committee thus accepted the credentials of the 122 delegations of Full Members indicated below:

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| 1. Albania | 13. Benin |
| 2. Algeria | 14. Bhutan |
| 3. Andorra | 15. Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| 4. Angola | 16. Botswana |
| 5. Argentina | 17. Brazil |
| 6. Armenia | 18. Bulgaria |
| 7. Australia | 19. Burkina Faso |
| 8. Austria | 20. Burundi |
| 9. Azerbaijan | 21. Cambodia |
| 10. Bahamas | 22. Cameroon |
| 11. Bangladesh | 23. Chile |
| 12. Belarus | 24. China |



25. Colombia
26. Congo
27. Costa Rica
28. Côte d'Ivoire
29. Croatia
30. Cuba
31. Cyprus
32. Czech Republic
33. Democratic Republic of the Congo
34. Dominican Republic
35. Ecuador
36. Egypt
37. El Salvador
38. Ethiopia
39. France
40. Georgia
41. Germany
42. Ghana
43. Greece
44. Guatemala
45. Guinea
46. Haiti
47. Hungary
48. India
49. Indonesia
50. Iran, Islamic Republic of
51. Iraq
52. Israel
53. Italy
54. Jamaica
55. Japan
56. Jordan
57. Kazakhstan
58. Kenya
59. Lao People's Democratic Republic
60. Lesotho
61. Libya
62. Lithuania
63. Madagascar
64. Malawi
65. Malaysia
66. Maldives
67. Mali
68. Malta
69. Mexico
70. Monaco
71. Mongolia
72. Montenegro
73. Morocco
74. Mozambique
75. Myanmar
76. Namibia
77. Netherlands
78. Nicaragua
79. Nigeria
80. Norway
81. Oman
82. Paraguay
83. Peru
84. Philippines
85. Poland
86. Portugal
87. Qatar
88. Republic of Korea
89. Republic of Moldova
90. Romania
91. Russian Federation
92. Rwanda
93. San Marino
94. Saudi Arabia
95. Senegal
96. Serbia
97. Seychelles
98. Sierra Leone
99. Slovakia
100. Slovenia
101. South Africa
102. Spain
103. Swaziland
104. Switzerland
105. Tajikistan
106. Thailand
107. Timor-Leste
108. Togo
109. Trinidad and Tobago
110. Tunisia
111. Turkey
112. Uganda
113. Ukraine
114. United Arab Emirates
115. United Republic of Tanzania
116. Uruguay
117. Uzbekistan
118. Venezuela
119. Viet Nam
120. Yemen
121. Zambia
122. Zimbabwe

5. The Committee examined, and recognized as valid, the credentials of the Flemish Community of Belgium, and Macao (China), as Associate Members of the Organization.

6. However, the Committee, after having reviewed the credentials of some Full Members, requested its Chair and Vice-Chair to follow up with them in order to regularize their credentials as soon as possible.

7. Furthermore, the Committee recalls that proxy for one Member State to another Member State is excluded by the Statutes of the Organization. Moreover, it regrets that in contradiction with the specific recommendation made by the General Assembly at its last session in resolution A/RES/586(XIX), several States have given a mandate for representation to a single delegate.

8. The Committee strongly suggests that rules for representation should be clarified for the future. It recommends that the General Assembly decide that:

- A mandate for representation can be given only in exceptional circumstances;
- Only one mandate for representation be given to a delegate representing another State;
- And not to the Head of Delegation of another State.

III. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

9. The General Assembly is requested:

- (a) To approve the credentials submitted by the Full and Associate Members listed above, and
- (b) To endorse the following proposals made by the Credentials Committee:
 - A mandate for representation can be given only in exceptional circumstances;
 - Only one mandate for representation be given to a delegate representing another State;
 - And not to the Head of Delegation of another State.