

FOR DECISION

Agenda item 3
Appointment of the Credentials Committee

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Executive summary

The General Assembly is called upon to nominate the members of the Credentials Committee at the beginning of its session. The Credentials Committee is responsible for examining the credentials of the delegates of Full and Associate Members. The candidates to become Members of the Committee are recommended by the Regional Commissions held prior to the General Assembly.

Action by the General Assembly

DRAFT RESOLUTION¹

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the proposals of its President, made in accordance with Rule 13(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

Noting that the members of the Credentials Committee were selected by the Regional Commissions, at the request of the Assembly,

1. *Takes note* that the following countries have been appointed:

Africa:

- (a) (To be recommended by the Commission for Africa on 10 September 2019)
- (b) (Idem)

Americas:

- (c) Guatemala
- (d) Nicaragua

Asia and the Pacific:

- (e) Thailand

Europe:

- (f) Malta
- (g) Romania

Middle East:

- (h) Bahrain

¹ This is a draft resolution. For the final resolution adopted by the Assembly, please refer to the Resolutions document issued at the end of the session.



South Asia:

(i) Bangladesh; and

2. *Notes* that the Credentials Committee appointed as its Chair, (...), and as its Vice-Chair, (...).

I. Introduction

1. Rule 13 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure provides for the appointment by the Assembly, on the proposal of its President, of a Credentials Committee composed of nine delegates chosen from among the Full Members. It states the following:
 - "1. *At the beginning of each session, the Assembly shall, on the proposal of the President, appoint a Credentials Committee composed of nine delegates of Full Members, having regard to fair and equitable geographical distribution.*
 2. *The Credentials Committee shall elect its Chairman and Vice-Chairman.*
 3. *If the Chairman of the Committee is unable to discharge his duties, they shall fall to the Vice-Chairman.*
 4. *The Committee shall examine the credentials of the delegates of Full Members and Associate Members, issued by the competent authority of the State or of the territory or group of territories, and the identification papers of the observers of Affiliate Members and of the observers referred to in paragraph 2 of rule 9, and report without delay to the Assembly."*

II. Members of the Credentials Committee

2. The Regional Commissions are called upon to suggest to the President of the General Assembly the same number of representatives for the Credentials Committee as they have Officers of the Assembly: (two for Africa, two for the Americas, two for Europe, one for East Asia and the Pacific, one for South Asia and one for the Middle East).
3. It is recalled that the 109th session of the Executive Council (30 October – 1 November, Manama, Bahrain) took the decision (CE/DEC/10(CVIX)) that there will only be one Regional Commission meeting for each region in 2019, which each Regional Commission will hold during the first semester of 2019, in the venues decided in their last respective sessions, and on dates prior to the 110th session of the Executive Council held in June 2019 in Baku, Azerbaijan.
4. Further to this decision, five Regional Commissions' meetings took place in 2019: 45th UNWTO Commission for the Middle East (24-25 March 2019, Cairo, Egypt), 64th UNWTO Commission for the Americas (15-17 May 2019, La Antigua, Guatemala), 64th meeting of the Regional Commission for Europe (27-30 May 2019, Zagreb, Croatia), 57th meeting of the Regional Commission for South Asia (3-5 June 2019, Thimphu, Bhutan) and 53rd meeting of the Regional Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (3-5 June 2019, Thimphu, Bhutan). The 62nd Regional Commission for Africa will take place on 10 September in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, prior to the Assembly's session.
5. These Regional Commissions recommended the following Member States as Members of the Credentials Committee:

Americas:

 - (a) Guatemala
 - (b) Nicaragua

Asia and the Pacific:

 - (c) Thailand

Europe:

 - (d) Malta
 - (e) Romania

Middle East:

(f) Bahrain

South Asia:

(g) Bangladesh

6. The Regional Commission for Africa, at its meeting held prior to the 23rd session of the General Assembly, will designate two members of the Credentials Committee from the region.
7. These nominated members will then elect from among themselves a Chair and a Vice-Chair in accordance with Rule 13(2) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

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