

FOR DECISION

Agenda item 3
Appointment of the Credentials Committee

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Executive summary

The General Assembly is called upon to appoint the members of the Credentials Committee at the beginning of its session. The candidates have been nominated by the Regional Commissions.

The Credentials Committee is responsible for examining the credentials of the delegates of Full and Associate Members.

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:

- Burkina Faso
- Zimbabwe

Americas:

- Jamaica
- Guatemala

East Asia and the Pacific:

- Samoa

Europe:

- Malta
- Azerbaijan

Middle East:

- Bahrain

South Asia:

- Bhutan

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

I. Introduction

1. Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly provides 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/her 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. Having regard to fair and equitable geographical distribution, the Regional Commissions have been called upon to suggest to the President of the General Assembly the same number of candidates 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. The Regional Commissions have nominated the following Full Members to the Credentials Committee:

Africa²:

- (a) Burkina Faso
- (b) Zimbabwe

Americas³:

- (c) Jamaica
- (d) Guatemala

East Asia and the Pacific⁴:

- (e) Samoa

Europe⁵:

- (f) Malta
- (g) Azerbaijan

Middle East⁶:

- (h) Bahrain

² 64th Regional Commission for Africa (2 September 2021, Sal, Cabo Verde).

³ 66th UNWTO Commission for the Americas (24-25 June 2021, Kingston, Jamaica).

⁴ 54th meeting of the Regional Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (14 September 2021, Headquarters, virtual).

⁵ 66th meeting of the Regional Commission for Europe (2-4 May 2021, Athens, Greece).

⁶ 47th UNWTO Commission for the Middle East (26-27 May 2021, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia).

South Asia⁷:

(i) Bhutan

4. The members of the Credentials Committee will then elect from among themselves a Chair and a Vice-Chair in accordance with Rule 13(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

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⁷ 58th meeting of the Regional Commission for South Asia (14 September 2021, Headquarters, virtual).