Executive summary

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 Committee met on 1 December 2021. During the meeting, the Committee examined the credentials of representatives of Full Members present at the session and decided to accept as valid credentials, including scanned copies, emanating from governments and indicating the composition of the delegations to the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

Action by the General Assembly

DRAFT RESOLUTION¹

The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

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. Pursuant to Rule 13(1) of its Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly, at its first technical meeting, invited the Regional Commissions to nominate the members of the Credentials Committee.

2. The following Full Members were appointed: Burkina Faso and Zimbabwe, (Regional Commission for Africa), Guatemala and Jamaica (Regional Commission for the Americas), Samoa (Regional Commission for East Asia and the Pacific), Bhutan (Regional Commission for South Asia), Azerbaijan and Malta (Regional Commission for Europe), and Bahrain (Regional Commission for the Middle East).

II. Meeting of the Committee

3. The Committee met on 1 December 2021 in Madrid and elected Bahrain to perform the function of Chair, and Jamaica to perform the function of Vice-Chair, in accordance with Rule 13(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

4. The Committee thus accepted the credentials of the 128 delegations of Full Members indicated below:
1. Albania
2. Algeria
3. Andorra
4. Angola
5. Argentina
6. Armenia
7. Austria
8. Azerbaijan
9. Bahamas
10. Bahrain
11. Bangladesh
12. Belarus
13. Bhutan
14. Bosnia and Herzegovina
15. Brazil
16. Bulgaria
17. Cabo Verde
18. Cambodia
19. Cameroon
20. Central African Republic
21. Chad
22. Chile
23. China
24. Colombia
25. Comoros
26. Congo
27. Costa Rica
28. Côte d’Ivoire
29. Croatia
30. Cuba
31. Cyprus
32. Czech Republic/Czechia
33. Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
34. Democratic Republic of the Congo
35. Dominican Republic
36. Ecuador
37. Egypt
38. El Salvador
39. Equatorial Guinea
40. Ethiopia
41. France
42. Gambia
43. Georgia
44. Germany
45. Ghana
46. Greece
47. Guatemala
48. Guinea
49. Haiti
50. Honduras
51. Hungary
52. India
53. Indonesia
54. Iran, Islamic Republic of
55. Iraq
56. Israel
57. Italy
58. Jamaica
59. Japan
60. Jordan
61. Kazakhstan
62. Kenya
63. Kuwait
64. Lebanon
65. Liberia
66. Lithuania
67. Malaysia
68. Maldives
69. Mali
70. Malta
71. Mauritius
72. Mexico
73. Monaco
74. Montenegro
75. Morocco
76. Mozambique
77. Namibia
78. Nepal
79. Netherlands
80. Nicaragua
81. Niger
82. Nigeria
83. North Macedonia
84. Oman
85. Pakistan
86. Panama
87. Paraguay
88. Peru
89. Philippines
90. Poland
91. Portugal
92. Qatar
93. Republic of Korea
94. Republic of Moldova
95. Romania
96. Russian Federation
97. Rwanda
98. San Marino
99. Sao Tome and Principe
100. Saudi Arabia
101. Senegal
102. Serbia
103. Seychelles
104. Sierra Leone
105. Slovakia
106. Slovenia
107. South Africa
108. Spain
109. Sri Lanka
110. Sudan
111. Switzerland
112. Syrian Arab Republic
113. Tajikistan
114. Thailand
115. Timor-Leste
116. Togo
117. Tunisia
118. Turkey
119. Uganda
120. United Arab Emirates
121. United Republic of Tanzania
122. Uruguay
123. Uzbekistan
124. Venezuela
125. Viet Nam
126. Yemen
127. Zambia
128. Zimbabwe
5. The Committee examined, and recognized as valid, the credentials of three Associate Members of the Organization.

6. The Committee examined and recognized as valid, the credentials of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of El Salvador, the Syrian Arab Republic and the State of Kuwait.

7. However, the Committee requested the UNWTO Secretariat to follow up with four Full Members in order to regularize their credentials as soon as possible, in accordance with the requirements indicated in resolution 357 (XII) adopted by the General Assembly.

8. Furthermore, the Committee examined, and recognized as valid, one proxy vote from Kyrgyzstan for Agenda item 18 “Place and dates of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly”.

9. The Committee reiterates its request to the UNWTO Secretariat to follow up with those Full Members which have not yet submitted the originals of their credentials so that they duly forward them to the UNWTO Secretariat at their earliest convenience, in accordance with the applicable rules.

10. The Committee recommends the Assembly to allow those Full Members that have not submitted their original credentials and that are represented by Ministers or Plenipotentiary Ambassadors to participate with full rights in the present session and requests the Secretariat to follow up with them so that they submit valid credentials at their earliest convenience, according to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

11. Furthermore, the Committee noted that two sets of different credentials were received from Myanmar, the first dated 12 November 2021 and the second dated 22 November 2021, and reviewed the procedural concerns raised thereby.

12. The Committee took into account the consistent practice of the United Nations indicating that, in matters concerning the recognition by the United Nations of the representation of a Member State, the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations should be guided by the position adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, under resolution 396(V) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1950. The Committee was informed that the Credentials Committee of the United Nations General Assembly had not yet considered the question of Myanmar’s credentials, which has also arisen at the current session of the United Nations General Assembly.

13. Therefore, the Committee, noting the practice of the United Nations General Assembly and the decisions of other Organizations of the UN system such as the World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization (WHO) at its 74th session held from 24 to 31 May 2021, the International Labour Conference of the International Labour Organization (ILO) at its 109th session held between 7 and 19 June 2021, and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) at its 42nd session held between 14 and 18 June 2021, recommends the Assembly that it defers a decision on the credentials of Myanmar, pending guidance from the Credentials Committee of the current session of the United Nations General Assembly.

14. Following this review, the Committee recommends not to accredit at this stage any delegate from Myanmar.

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