Executive summary

In accordance with the long-standing practice of the Organization, the President proposes to the Assembly, for appointment, the members of the Credentials Committee that have been nominated in advance by the six Regional Commissions.

For the present extraordinary session, however, the Regional Commissions have not submitted any nomination for the President on the membership of the Credentials Committee. With a view to expediting the work of the extraordinary session, it might be appropriate for the Assembly to appoint the same members which served on the Credentials Committee during the 24th ordinary session (Madrid, Spain, 1-3 December 2021): Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Jamaica, Malta, Samoa, and Zimbabwe.
DRAFT RESOLUTION

Agenda item 3
Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee
(document A/EXT-1/3)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report on the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee,

1. Decides that the Credentials Committee for the first extraordinary session, appointed in accordance with Rule 13.1 of its Rules of Procedure, shall have the same composition as that for the twenty-fourth ordinary session, namely: Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Jamaica, Malta, Samoa, and Zimbabwe; and

2. Recommends the Credentials Committee to elect Bahrain as Chairman and Jamaica as Vice-Chairman.

1This 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 General 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. Appointment of the Credentials Committee

2. In accordance with the long-standing practice of the Organization, the President proposes to the Assembly for appointment the members of the Credentials Committee that have been nominated in advance by the six Regional Commissions.

3. For the present extraordinary session, however, the Regional Commissions have not submitted any nomination for the President on the membership of the Credentials Committee.

4. With a view to expediting the work of the extraordinary session, it might be appropriate if the Credentials Committee were to consist of those members which served during the 24th ordinary session held at Madrid, Spain, on 1-3 December 2021, namely: Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Jamaica, Malta, Samoa, and Zimbabwe. These members had also been nominated by the Regional Commissions in accordance with the above-mentioned practice.

5. This recommendation is in line with the consistent practice of the United Nations General Assembly in relation to its special sessions and emergency special sessions, whereby the President proposes to appoint a credentials committee with the same composition as that of the credentials committee for the regular session. In the case of emergency special sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, the President customarily highlights in his/her speech that this is precisely “with a view to expediting [its] work.”

6. In the case of the present extraordinary session, and also with a view to expediting its work, it might also be appropriate, insofar as the Credentials Committee consists of the same members that served during the 24th ordinary session, that the Credentials Committee maintain its officers pursuant to Rule 13.2 of its Rules of Procedure and, therefore, elect Bahrain as Chairman and Jamaica as Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

7. In the event that it is not possible for the General Assembly to appoint a Credentials Committee with the same composition as that for its 24th ordinary session, the President shall propose any such members as he/she considers, having regard to fair and equitable geographical distribution pursuant to Rule 13.1 of its Rules of Procedure.

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1 A/RES/730(XXIV)
2 A/24/3
3 United Nations, official records of the 10th Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly (A/ES-10/PV.1)
4 A/24/8 rev.1