Executive summary

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

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

Action by the General Assembly

DRAFT RESOLUTION

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,

Takes note that the following countries have been appointed:

Africa:
(a) Zambia
(b) Democratic Republic of the Congo

Americas:  
(c) Ecuador
(d) Paraguay

East Asia and the Pacific:  
(e) Cambodia

Europe:  
(f) Kazakhstan
(g) Uzbekistan

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.
Middle East:
   (h) Kuwait

South Asia:
   (i) Bhutan
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. Members of the Credentials Committee

2. Having regard to the 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, one for East Asia and the Pacific, two for Europe, one for the Middle East; and one for South Asia.

3. The following Regional Commissions have already taken place in 2023: the 68th meeting of the Commission for Europe (1 June, Sofia, Bulgaria); the 49th meeting of the Commission for the Middle East (7 June 2023, Dead Sea, Jordan); the 55th meeting of the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (CAP) and the 59th meeting of the Commission for South Asia (CSA) (16 June 2023, Phnom Penh, Cambodia); the 68th meeting of the Commission for the Americas (27 June 2023, Quito, Ecuador); and the 66th meeting of the Commission for Africa (26 July 2023, Pointe aux Piments, Mauritius).

4. The Regional Commissions recommended the following Member States as members of the Credentials Committee:

   Africa:

   (a) Zambia
   (b) Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Americas:

   (c) Ecuador
   (d) Paraguay

   Asia and the Pacific:

   (e) Cambodia

   Europe:

   (f) Kazakhstan
   (g) Uzbekistan

   Middle East:

   (h) Kuwait
South Asia:

(i) Bhutan

5. 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 Assembly’s Rules of Procedure.

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