



**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE  
ON THE CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE  
SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

**1. Introduction**

The Credentials Committee, consisting of Belgium, Croatia, Guatemala, Iraq, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, and Rwanda, met under the leadership of its Chairperson, H.E. Mr Jorge Alfredo Lemcke Arévalo, Ambassador of Guatemala on Tuesday, 27 November 2012.

**2. Examination of credentials**

2.1 The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Director-General, dated 26 November 2012, concerning the presentation of credentials by States Parties wishing to participate in the Seventeenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”). The Credentials Committee examined the credentials in accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference (C-16/DEC.14, dated 2 December 2011) and verified the facts stated in the memorandum, which are as follows:

- (a) Originals of credentials, in the form required by Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, had been received from the following 88 States Parties:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, and Viet Nam.



- (b) Faxes or copies of credentials, in the form required by Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, had been received from the following 29 States Parties:

Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, China, Colombia, Congo, Ghana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Mauritius, Montenegro, Mozambique, Namibia, Panama, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Tajikistan, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Yemen, and Zimbabwe.

- (c) No official communications were received from the following 14 States Parties listed below regarding their credentials:

Benin, Bhutan, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Gambia, Lebanon, Malawi, Maldives, Nigeria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, and Zambia.

- 2.2 In accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of the Procedure of the Conference, the Credentials Committee was of the view that representatives of the States Parties in 2.1(c) above should be permitted to participate provisionally in the Conference, pending the submission of their credentials.

### **3. Report and recommendations to the Conference**

- 3.1 Based on the foregoing, the Credentials Committee decided to report to the Conference that the credentials of the States Parties referred to in subparagraphs 2.1(a) and (b) above were in the form required by Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.

- 3.2 The Credentials Committee recommended that the Conference:

- (a) accepts outright the credentials of representatives of the States Parties listed in 2.1(a) above;
- (b) provisionally accepts the credentials of representatives of the States Parties listed in 2.1(b) above, pending submission of the original versions; and
- (c) provisionally permits the States Parties listed in 2.1(c) above to attend the Conference, on the understanding that the originals of the credentials of the representatives of those States would be submitted as soon as possible.

- 3.3 The Credentials Committee unanimously adopted its report to the Conference and recommended that the Conference approve it.