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## Seventy-first session

Agenda item 3 (b)

### Credentials of representatives to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

## Report of the Credentials Committee

*Chair:* Mr. Necton D. **Mhura** (Malawi)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 13 September 2016, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its seventy-first session consisting of the following Member States: Cameroon, China, Malawi, the Netherlands, Paraguay, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Saint Lucia and the United States of America.
2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 8 December 2016.
3. The Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations, Necton D. Mhura, was unanimously elected Chair.
4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 8 December 2016 concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.
5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs as required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly had been submitted by the following 125 Member States in respect of their representatives to the seventy-first session of the Assembly: Albania, Andorra, Angola, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian



Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

6. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General, information concerning the appointment of representatives of Member States to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly had been communicated to the Secretary-General by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 68 Member States: Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, India, Iraq, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Yemen.

7. The Chair recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all Member States mentioned in the memorandum of the Secretary-General, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraph 6 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

8. The Chair proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

*The Credentials Committee,*

*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly,

*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General.

9. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair was adopted without a vote.

10. The Chair then proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Credentials of representatives to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly" (see para. 12). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

## **Recommendation of the Credentials Committee**

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### **Credentials of representatives to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Credentials Committee<sup>1</sup> and the recommendation contained therein,

*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee.<sup>1</sup>

  

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