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Agenda item 9 (b)

Credentials of representatives to the Conference

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Brian Patrick Flynn (Ireland)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects provides that:

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its most recent session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

2. At its 1st plenary meeting, held on 18 June 2018, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States: Cabo Verde, China, Dominica, Indonesia, Ireland, Russian Federation, Uganda, United States of America and Uruguay.

3. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 27 June 2018.

4. Brian Patrick Flynn (Ireland) was elected as the Chair of the Committee.

5. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Conference, dated 26 June 2018, concerning the credentials of representatives of States participating in the Conference. A representative of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat made a statement relating to the memorandum.

6. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required under rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, had been submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, as at the time of the meeting of the Committee, by the following 65 States: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Barbados,



Belgium, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Czechia, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, India, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zambia.

7. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives of States to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference, as at the time of the meeting of the Committee, 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 mission concerned, by the following 51 States: Argentina, Belarus, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Holy See, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Samoa, Serbia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania and United States of America.

8. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, the Secretary-General of the Conference had not received formal credentials or the information referred to in paragraph 7 above from the following 81 States, which were invited to participate in the Conference: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cook Islands, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Iceland, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Nauru, Niger, Niue, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, State of Palestine, Suriname, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

9. The Chair recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of the States listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above-mentioned memorandum, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 7 above, as well as States referred to in paragraph 8 above, where applicable, would be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference as soon as possible.

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

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the

Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects,

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

11. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair was adopted without a vote.
12. The Chair then proposed that the Committee recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution entitled “Credentials of representatives to the third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects” (see para. 14 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.
13. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

14. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

The third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.
