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and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof**  
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**CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE**

Report of the Credentials Committee

1. At its first plenary meeting, on 20 June 1977, the Conference, in accordance with rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure, unanimously elected Mr. J.K.D. Foli (Ghana), Chairman of the Credentials Committee, and Mr. Gastón Cajina-Mejicano (Nicaragua), Vice-Chairman.
2. It then proceeded to establish the Credentials Committee composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the following five members: Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Finland, Iran, Switzerland and Tunisia.
3. The Committee met for the first time on 21 June 1977 and had before it an informal working paper concerning the status of the credentials of the 42 States Parties and the three Signatory States attending the Conference. It was decided to ask the President of the Conference to remind all participants of the provisions under rules 2 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure and to invite those delegations which had not yet submitted their credentials to do so at the earliest possible date.
4. The Committee met again on 22 June to discuss the question of the accreditation of Signatory States attending the Conference. In view of the financial implications resulting for participating Signatory States under rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure, it was unanimously agreed that their representatives should also be accredited in accordance with rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure. In conformity with the Committee's decision, the Chairman of the Credentials Committee drew the attention of the Signatory States concerned to these requirements and informed the President and the Secretary-General of the Conference to that effect.
5. The Committee held its last meeting on 28 June and had before it a memorandum dated 28 June 1977 submitted by the Secretary-General of the Conference on the status of the credentials in accordance with rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure. The memorandum read as follows:

"(a) As of 28 June 1977, 42 States Parties and three Signatory States to the Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof are participating in the Conference.

"(b) As of 28 June 1977, formal credentials in due form under rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure were received by the Secretary-General of the Conference from the following States Parties: Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Federal Republic of Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yugoslavia.

"(c) The list of representatives of the following States Parties were communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by notes verbales or by letters from the respective Permanent Missions in Geneva or New York: Iran, Iraq and Morocco.

"(d) Provisional credentials of the representatives of the following States Parties were communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference in the form of cables by their respective Foreign Ministers: Belgium, Italy, Mauritius, Mongolia and Sweden.

"(e) With respect to the three Signatory States attending the Conference, formal credentials in due form under rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure were received from Brazil and Greece.

"(f) Provisional credentials were received by cable in respect of the representative of the following Signatory State: Argentina."

6. The Committee examined and found acceptable the credentials submitted by the Governments listed in paragraphs (b) and (e) above.

7. The Committee decided to recommend to the Conference to accept as an exceptional measure, and subject to later validation, the communications of those Governments listed in paragraphs (c), (d) and (f) of the memorandum in lieu of formal credentials.

8. The Committee unanimously adopted the above report in its entirety.