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Agenda item 9

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General transmits to the General Assembly in the following document the report of the Credentials Committee

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1. Pursuant to rule 13(1) of its Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly, at its first technical meeting, invited the Regional Commissions to nominate the members of the Credentials Committee. The following Full Members were elected: Angola, Brazil, Croatia, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Qatar, Sri Lanka and Venezuela.

2. At its meeting on 5 October, the Credentials Committee elected Croatia represented by Ms. Blanka Belosevic, to perform the functions of Chairperson and Ethiopia, represented by Mr. Tesfaye Desalegne, to perform the functions of Vice Chairman (rule 13(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly).

3. During the meeting, the Committee decided to accept as valid credentials the full powers and official communications, including signed faxes, emanating from governments and indicating the composition of the delegations to the eighteenth session of the General Assembly.

4. The Committee thus accepted the credentials of the 112 delegations of **Full Members** indicated below and, consequently, considered that these delegations should be regarded as validly sitting on the Assembly:

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| 1. Albania | 23. Colombia |
| 2. Algeria | 24. Congo |
| 3. Angola | 25. Costa Rica |
| 4. Argentina | 26. Côte d'Ivoire |
| 5. Armenia | 27. Croatia |
| 6. Australia | 28. Cuba |
| 7. Austria | 29. Cyprus |
| 8. Azerbaijan | 30. Czech Republic |
| 9. Bangladesh | 31. Democratic People's of
Korea |
| 10. Belarus | 32. Ecuador |
| 11. Benin | 33. Egypt |
| 12. Bhutan | 34. El Salvador |
| 13. Bolivia (Venezuela) | 35. Ethiopia |
| 14. Botswana | 36. Fiji |
| 15. Brazil | 37. France |
| 16. Bulgaria | 38. Gabon |
| 17. Burkina Faso | 39. Georgia |
| 18. Cambodia | 40. Germany |
| 19. Cameroon | 41. Ghana |
| 20. Canada | 42. Greece |
| 21. Chile | 43. Honduras (Costa Rica) |
| 22. China | |

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| 44. Hungary | 78. Philippines |
| 45. India | 79. Poland |
| 46. Indonesia | 80. Portugal |
| 47. Iran, Islamic Republic of | 81. Qatar |
| 48. Iraq | 82. Republic of Korea |
| 49. Israel | 83. Romania |
| 50. Italy | 84. Russian Federation |
| 51. Jamaica | 85. San Marino |
| 52. Japan | 86. Saudi Arabia |
| 53. Jordan | 87. Senegal |
| 54. Kazakhstan | 88. Serbia |
| 55. Kenya | 89. Seychelles |
| 56. Kuwait | 90. Slovakia |
| 57. Kyrgyzstan | 91. Slovenia |
| 58. Lao People's Democratic
Republic | 92. South Africa |
| 59. Latvia | 93. Spain |
| 60. Lebanon | 94. Sri Lanka |
| 61. Lesotho | 95. Swaziland |
| 62. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 96. Switzerland |
| 63. Lithuania | 97. Syrian Arab Republic |
| 64. Malaysia | 98. Tajikistan |
| 65. Mali | 99. Thailand |
| 66. Malta | 100. Timor-Leste |
| 67. Mauritania | 101. Tunisia |
| 68. Monaco | 102. Turkey |
| 69. Montenegro | 103. Ukraine |
| 70. Morocco | 104. United Republic of Tanzania |
| 71. Mozambique | 105. Uruguay |
| 72. Nepal | 106. Uzbekistan |
| 73. Nicaragua (Venezuela) | 107. Vanuatu |
| 74. Niger | 108. Venezuela |
| 75. Nigeria | 109. Viet Nam |
| 76. Panama | 110. Yemen |
| 77. Paraguay | 111. Zambia |
| | 112. Zimbabwe |

NB. The countries in brackets are representing by proxy the named full Members.

5. The Committee took note of the following Full Members which have registered but not presented their credentials:

- Afghanistan
- Eritrea
- Madagascar
- Mauritius
- Turkmenistan

The Committee requested them to do so as soon as possible.

6. The Committee reviewed the credentials presented by the following Full Members which are not present:

- Bahamas
- Dominican Republic
- Netherlands
- Oman

and considered these credentials as valid should the respective delegations register before the closing of the Assembly.

7. The Committee, after having examined the credentials of the following Full Members:

- Mexico
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Sierra Leone
- The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Uganda

requested the delegates of the above-mentioned countries to regularize their credentials with the Secretariat as soon as possible.

8. The Committee examined, and recognized as valid, the credentials of the Flemish Community of Belgium and Hong Kong, China, as **Associate Members** of the Organization and the credentials of the Holy See, in its capacity as Permanent Observer of the Organization.

9. The Committee recognized as valid the identification papers of the **Affiliate Members** and invited representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental international organizations present at the eighteenth session of the General Assembly (Astana, Kazakhstan, 2-9 October 2009). Consequently, the Committee considered that they may be regarded as observers to this session.