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Report of the Credentials Committee

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 appointed: Argentina, Austria, Croatia, Ecuador, Ghana, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Qatar, Sri Lanka and Togo.
2. At its meeting on 5 October, the Credentials Committee elected **Croatia** represented by Ms. Blanka Belosevic, to perform the functions of Chair and **Ghana**, represented by Ms. Sena Siaw-Boateng, to perform the functions of Vice-Chair (rule 13(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly).
3. During the meeting, the Committee examined the credentials of representatives and decided to accept as valid credentials the full powers and official communications, including signed faxes and scanned copies, emanating from governments and indicating the composition of the delegations to the nineteenth session of the General Assembly.
4. The Committee thus accepted the credentials of the 113 delegations of Full Members indicated below:

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| 1. Afghanistan | 19. Burundi |
| 2. Algeria | 20. Cambodia |
| 3. Angola | 21. Central African Republic |
| 4. Argentina | 22. Chile |
| 5. Armenia | 23. China |
| 6. Australia | 24. Colombia |
| 7. Austria | 25. Congo |
| 8. Azerbaijan | 26. Costa Rica |
| 9. Bahamas | 27. Côte d'Ivoire |
| 10. Belarus | 28. Croatia |
| 11. Benin | 29. Cuba |
| 12. Bhutan | 30. Cyprus |
| 13. Bolivia | 31. Democratic Republic of the Congo |
| 14. Botswana | 32. Ecuador |
| 15. Brazil | 33. Egypt |
| 16. Brunei Darussalam | 34. El Salvador |
| 17. Bulgaria | 35. Ethiopia |
| 18. Burkina Faso | 36. France |

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| 37. Gabon | 76. Oman |
| 38. Gambia | 77. Pakistan |
| 39. Georgia | 78. Paraguay |
| 40. Germany | 79. Peru |
| 41. Ghana | 80. Philippines |
| 42. Greece | 81. Poland |
| 43. Guinea | 82. Portugal |
| 44. Haiti | 83. Qatar |
| 45. Hungary | 84. Republic of Korea |
| 46. India | 85. Romania |
| 47. Indonesia | 86. Russian Federation |
| 48. Iran, Islamic Republic of | 87. n Marino |
| 49. Iraq | 88. Saudi Arabia |
| 50. Israel | 89. Senegal |
| 51. Italy | 90. Serbia |
| 52. Jamaica | 91. Seychelles |
| 53. Japan | 92. Slovakia |
| 54. Jordan | 93. Slovenia |
| 55. Kazakhstan | 94. South Africa |
| 56. Kenya | 95. Spain |
| 57. Kuwait | 96. Sri Lanka |
| 58. Lao People's Democratic Republic | 97. Sudan |
| 59. Lebanon | 98. Swaziland |
| 60. Lesotho | 99. Switzerland |
| 61. Liberia | 100. Tajikistan |
| 62. Madagascar | 101. Thailand |
| 63. Malaysia | 102. Timor-Leste |
| 64. Maldives | 103. Togo |
| 65. Mali | 104. Tunisia |
| 66. Malta | 105. Turkey |
| 67. Mauritania | 106. Uganda |
| 68. Mexico (Guatemala, Panama) | 107. United Republic of Tanzania |
| 69. Monaco | 108. Uruguay |
| 70. Mongolia | 109. Uzbekistan |
| 71. Morocco | 110. Venezuela |
| 72. Mozambique | 111. Vietnam |
| 73. Nepal | 112. Zambia |
| 74. Niger | 113. Zimbabwe |
| 75. Nigeria | |

NB. The States in brackets have authorized H.E. Mrs. Gloria R. Guevara Manzo, Minister of Tourism of Mexico to represent them during the 19th session of the General Assembly.

5. However, the Committee, after having examined the credentials of several of the Full Members, requested the Secretariat to follow up with them in order to regularize their credentials as soon as possible or at least after the General Assembly. Furthermore, the Committee strongly urged all Full and Associate Members of the Organization to comply with the UN practice and the UNWTO resolution A/RES/357(XII), at future General Assembly sessions. This resolution (documents A/12/5 and A/12/5 add.1) establishes that "only credentials from either Heads of State or Prime Ministers or Ministers of Foreign Affairs or Ministers responsible for tourism of the respective State or his/her equivalent be regarded as valid". Pursuant to the UN practice, credentials signed by Ambassadors of Full Members accredited to Spain will also be regarded as valid. Furthermore, credentials can be accepted only if

written in any of the working languages of the General Assembly or if attached with an accurate translation. The Committee strongly recommends that the credentials indicate the full name of the signatory and bear the logo or stamp of the relevant institution.

6. Noting that the practice of the representation of one State by representatives of another State within the UNWTO differs from the UN practice, the Committee requests the Secretary-General to hold further consultations and collect the views of the Regional Commissions on this matter.

7. In any case, the Committee suggests that delegations should be recommended not to have more than one member representing another State by proxy.

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

9. The Committee took note of the registration papers of the observers of Affiliate Members and invited representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental international organizations present as observers at the nineteenth session of the General Assembly (Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, 8-14 October 2011).