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Report of the Credentials Committee

I. Introduction

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, Bhutan, Hungary, Jamaica, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, South Africa and Uganda.

II. Meeting of the Committee

2. The Committee met twice on 14 and 15 September 2015.

3. At its meeting on 14 September, the Credentials Committee elected **Argentina** represented by Ms. Ana Ines Garcia Allievi, to perform the function of Chair and **Qatar**, represented by Mr. Mohammed Al Hafnawi, to perform the function of Vice-Chair (rule 13(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly).

4. During the meeting, the Committee examined the credentials of representatives of Full Members present at the session 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 twenty-first session of the General Assembly.

5. The Committee thus accepted the credentials of the 108 delegations of Full Members indicated below:

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| 1. Afghanistan | 9. Azerbaijan |
| 2. Albania | 10. Bahamas |
| 3. Algeria | 11. Bangladesh |
| 4. Andorra | 12. Barbados |
| 5. Angola | 13. Benin |
| 6. Argentina | 14. Bhutan |
| 7. Armenia | 15. Bolivia |
| 8. Austria | 16. Botswana |



17. Brazil
18. Bulgaria
19. Burkina Faso
20. Cambodia
21. Cameroon
22. Chad
23. Chile
24. China
25. Colombia
26. Congo
27. Costa Rica
28. Côte d'Ivoire
29. Croatia
30. Cuba
31. Czech Republic
32. Democratic Republic of the Congo
33. Dominican Republic
34. Ecuador
35. Egypt
36. El Salvador
37. Ethiopia
38. France
39. Gambia
40. Georgia
41. Germany
42. Ghana
43. Greece
44. Guatemala
45. Haiti
46. Honduras
47. Hungary
48. India
49. Indonesia
50. Iran, Islamic Republic of
51. Italy
52. Jamaica
53. Japan
54. Kenya
55. Lebanon
56. Lithuania
57. Madagascar
58. Malaysia
59. Maldives
60. Mauritania
61. Mexico
62. Monaco
63. Mongolia
64. Montenegro
65. Morocco
66. Mozambique
67. Namibia
68. Netherlands
69. Nicaragua
70. Niger
71. Nigeria
72. Oman
73. Pakistan
74. Panama
75. Paraguay
76. Peru
77. Philippines
78. Poland
79. Portugal
80. Qatar
81. Republic of Korea
82. Romania
83. Russian Federation
84. Samoa
85. San Marino
86. Saudi Arabia
87. Senegal
88. Seychelles
89. Slovakia
90. Slovenia
91. South Africa
92. Spain
93. Sudan
94. Swaziland
95. Switzerland
96. Thailand
97. Togo
98. Trinidad and Tobago
99. Tunisia
100. Turkey
101. Uganda
102. United Arab Emirates
103. Uruguay
104. Venezuela
105. Viet Nam
106. Yemen
107. Zambia
108. Zimbabwe

6. The Committee noted that no credentials were received from Timor Leste concerning the participation of its delegate to the 21st session of the General Assembly, because the Council of Ministers of this Full Member could not meet due to the time limit for issuing the credentials for the General Assembly.

7. The Committee examined, and recognized as valid, the credentials of Aruba, Flanders, Macao and Puerto Rico, as Associate Members of the Organization.

8. However, the Committee requested its Chair and Vice-Chair to follow up, through the UNWTO Secretariat, with two Full Members in order to regularize their credentials as soon as possible, in accordance with the requirements indicated in paragraph 4(a) of resolution 633(XX) adopted by the General Assembly.

9. Furthermore, the Committee examined, and recognized as valid, the proxy letters from the following countries:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina (to a member of the delegation of Montenegro);
- Cyprus (to a member of the delegation of Italy);
- Israel (to a member of the delegation of Portugal);
- Republic of Moldova (to a member of the delegation of Romania);
- Serbia (to another member of the delegation of Italy).

10. The Committee requested its Chair and Vice-Chair to follow up, through the UNWTO Secretariat, with two Full Members so that they duly explain the exceptional circumstances preventing them from participating in the session.

11. Recalling General Assembly resolution 633(XX), and in particular paragraph 4 of that resolution, the Committee also decided that, for future sessions, it will consider as invalid credentials in breach of the principle of secrecy of the vote.

12. Furthermore, the Committee requests the Chairs of the Regional Commissions to verify that the credentials and proxy letters comply with the applicable rules.

13. Finally, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly decide that "once the Report of the Credentials Committee is issued, no further credentials or proxy letters be considered by the Committee except in two cases:

- when the Committee itself has invited the Full or Associate Member concerned to regularize its credentials or its proxy; and
- when a State whose credentials have been accepted by the Committee does not have a representative for the remaining part of the session for reasons duly explained in writing by the State giving the mandate; in such a case, the Committee will assess the existence of the exceptional circumstances justifying the proxy."

III. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

14. The General Assembly is invited:

- (a) To approve the credentials and proxy letters submitted by the Full and Associate Members listed above;

- (b) To endorse the following proposal made by the Credentials Committee:
- (i) The Committee will consider as invalid credentials in breach of the principle of secrecy of the vote;
 - (ii) Once the Report of the Credentials Committee is issued, no further credentials or proxy letters will be considered by the Committee except:
 - when the Committee itself has invited the Full or Associate Member concerned to regularize its credentials or its proxy; and
 - when a State whose credentials have been accepted by the Committee does not have a representative for the remaining part of the session for reasons duly explained in writing by the State giving the mandate; in such a case, the Committee will assess the existence of the exceptional circumstances justifying the proxy; and
- (c) To call upon the Chairs of the Regional Commissions to verify that the credentials and proxy letters comply with the applicable rules.