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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: Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana (Regional Commission for Africa), Chile, Panama (Regional Commission for the Americas), Malaysia (Regional Commission for Asia and the Pacific), Iran, Islamic Republic of (Regional Commission for South Asia), Cyprus, Portugal (Regional Commission for Europe), and Bahrain (Regional Commission for the Middle East).

II. Meeting of the Committee

2. The Committee met on 13 September 2017.

3. At its meeting on 13 September, the Credentials Committee elected **Ghana** represented by H.E. Mrs. Catherine Ablema Afeku, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, to perform the function of Chair and **Cyprus**, represented by Mrs. Olga Theocharous Papageorgiou, Strategic Planning and Research Officer, Cyprus Tourism Organization, 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-second session of the General Assembly.

5. The Committee thus accepted the credentials of the 132 delegations of Full Members indicated below:

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| 1. Albania | 6. Armenia |
| 2. Algeria | 7. Austria |
| 3. Andorra | 8. Azerbaijan |
| 4. Angola | 9. Bahamas |
| 5. Argentina | 10. Bahrain |



11. Bangladesh
12. Barbados
13. Belarus
14. Benin
15. Bhutan
16. Bosnia and Herzegovina
17. Botswana
18. Brazil
19. Bulgaria
20. Burkina Faso
21. Cabo Verde
22. Cambodia
23. Cameroon
24. Chile
25. China
26. Colombia
27. Congo
28. Costa Rica
29. Côte d'Ivoire
30. Croatia
31. Cuba
32. Cyprus
33. Czech Republic
34. Democratic People's Republic of Korea
35. Democratic Republic of the Congo
36. Djibouti
37. Ecuador
38. Egypt
39. Equatorial Guinea
40. Ethiopia
41. Fiji
42. France
43. Gambia
44. Georgia
45. Germany
46. Ghana
47. Greece
48. Guinea
49. Haiti
50. Honduras
51. Hungary
52. India
53. Indonesia
54. Iran, Islamic Republic of
55. Iraq
56. Israel
57. Italy
58. Jamaica
59. Japan
60. Jordan
61. Kazakhstan
62. Kenya
63. Kyrgyzstan
64. Lao People's Republic
65. Lebanon
66. Lesotho
67. Liberia
68. Libya
69. Lithuania
70. Madagascar
71. Malaysia
72. Maldives
73. Mali
74. Malta
75. Mauritius
76. Mexico
77. Monaco
78. Montenegro
79. Morocco
80. Mozambique
81. Nepal
82. Netherlands
83. Nicaragua
84. Niger
85. Nigeria
86. Oman
87. Pakistan
88. Panama
89. Papua New Guinea
90. Paraguay
91. Peru
92. Philippines
93. Poland
94. Portugal
95. Qatar
96. Republic of Korea
97. Republic of Moldova
98. Romania
99. Russian Federation
100. Samoa
101. San Marino
102. Saudi Arabia
103. Senegal
104. Serbia
105. Seychelles
106. Sierra Leone
107. Slovakia
108. Slovenia
109. South Africa
110. Spain

111. Sri Lanka
112. Sudan
113. Swaziland
114. Switzerland
115. Syrian Arab Republic
116. Tajikistan
117. Thailand
118. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
119. Togo
120. Tunisia
121. Turkey
122. Uganda
123. Ukraine
124. United Arab Emirates
125. Uruguay
126. Uzbekistan
127. Vanuatu
128. Venezuela
129. Viet Nam
130. Yemen
131. Zambia
132. Zimbabwe

6. The Committee examined, and recognized as valid, the credentials of Flanders, Hong Kong (China), Macao (China) and Puerto Rico, as Associate Members of the Organization, and Palestine, as a Special Observer.

7. The Committee examined and recognized as valid the credentials of Comoros and Somalia.

8. The Committee requested the UNWTO Secretariat to follow up with those Full Members which have not yet submitted the originals of their credentials so that they duly forward them to the UNWTO Secretariat at their earliest convenience, in accordance with the applicable rules.

9. Furthermore, the Committee examined and recognized as valid the proxy letter from the following country:

- Belarus (to a member of the delegation of the Russian Federation).

10. Finally, the Committee recalls that Member States shall avoid that more than one mandate for representation is given to a delegation representing another Member State, in accordance with resolution 591(XIX) and calls on the Regional Commissions, meeting before the General Assembly session, to verify the received credentials, in accordance with resolution 649(XXI).

III. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

11. The General Assembly is invited:

- (a) To approve the credentials and proxy letters submitted by the Full and Associate Members listed above; and
- (b) To recall the proposal made by the Credentials Committee at the nineteenth session of the

General Assembly in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, under resolution 591(XIX), and at the twenty-first session of the General Assembly in Medellín, Colombia, in 2015, under resolution 649(XXI).