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### Credentials of representatives to the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly

#### Report of the Credentials Committee

*Chair:* Mr. Walton Alfonso **Webson** (Antigua and Barbuda)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 10 September 2024, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its seventy-ninth session consisting of the following Member States: Antigua and Barbuda, Cabo Verde, China, Dominica, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Monaco, Russian Federation and United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting on 20 November 2024.

3. The Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations, Walton Alfonso Webson, was unanimously elected Chair.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 19 November 2024 concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs made a statement in relation to the memorandum.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs as required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly had been submitted by the following 84 Member States in respect of their representatives to the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Egypt, Eritrea, Fiji, Finland, Gambia, Georgia, Guyana, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Zimbabwe.



6. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives of Member States to the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly had been communicated to the Secretary-General by means of a copy of formal credentials signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 106 Member States: Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Nicaragua, Oman, Paraguay, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Zambia.

7. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, the following Member State had not transmitted any communication to the Secretary-General: Sierra Leone.

8. The Committee had before it two communications concerning the representation of Myanmar at the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, indicating different individuals as representatives to the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly. The first was dated 13 August 2024 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar. The second was dated 16 August 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations in New York.

9. The Committee had before it two communications concerning the representation of Afghanistan at the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, indicating different individuals as representatives to the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly. The first was dated 3 September 2024 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations in New York. The second was dated 10 September 2024 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan.

10. The Chair proposed that the Committee postpone its consideration of the credentials pertaining to the representatives of Myanmar and of the credentials pertaining to the representatives of Afghanistan to the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, and to revert to consideration of these credentials at a future time in the seventy-ninth session. The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. The Chair also proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee on the understanding that the formal credentials of the representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible:

*The Credentials Committee,*

*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly,

*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General.

12. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair was adopted without a vote.
13. The Chair then proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled “Credentials of representatives to the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly” (see para. 15). The proposal was adopted without a vote.
14. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

### **Recommendation of the Credentials Committee**

15. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### **Credentials of representatives to the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee.<sup>1</sup>

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