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**FIRST REPORT OF THE
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

At its first plenary meeting, held on Monday, 3 October 2005, the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in accordance with Rules 26 and 32 of its Rules of Procedure, set up a Credentials Committee for its 33rd session, consisting of the following Member States: Belgium, El Salvador, Haiti, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lithuania, Qatar, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro and South Africa.

The Credentials Committee held its first meeting at 12 noon on the same day.

The Committee elected H.E. Mr Dragoljub Najman, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Serbia and Montenegro to UNESCO, as its Chairperson.

At the Chairperson's request, the Legal Adviser informed the Committee of the criteria for deciding whether credentials are valid, as laid down in Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference. This Rule provides that credentials of delegates and alternates shall be issued by the head of the State, the head of the government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs or another minister authorized by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to issue credentials.

The Legal Adviser also explained the meaning and implications of the expression "provisional credentials", as used by the Secretariat.

The Secretariat then informed the Committee of the state of the credentials received so far by the Secretariat. The Committee concluded that the credentials of the following Member States had been issued in conformity with Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, namely that the credentials had been issued by the head of the State, the head of the government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or another minister authorized by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to issue credentials. The delegations of the following Member States were accordingly considered to be duly accredited:

Afghanistan	Greece	Philippines
Andorra	Grenada	Poland
Australia	Guyana	Portugal
Austria	Iceland	Qatar
Azerbaijan	India	Republic of Korea
Bahamas	Indonesia	Republic of Moldova
Bahrain	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Romania
Bangladesh	Iraq	Russian Federation
Barbados	Ireland	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belarus	Israel	Saint Lucia
Belgium	Italy	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belize	Japan	Samoa
Benin	Jordan	San Marino
Bhutan	Kazakhstan	Saudi Arabia
Bolivia	Kenya	Senegal
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kuwait	Serbia and Montenegro
Botswana	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Seychelles
Brazil	Latvia	Slovakia
Brunei Darussalam	Lebanon	Solomon Islands
Bulgaria	Lesotho	South Africa
Burkina Faso	Lithuania	Spain
Burundi	Luxembourg	Sri Lanka
Cambodia	Madagascar	Suriname
Cameroon	Malaysia	Swaziland
Canada	Malawi	Sweden
Central African Republic	Maldives	Switzerland
China	Mali	Syrian Arab Republic
Colombia	Mauritania	Tajikistan
Congo	Mexico	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Costa Rica	Monaco	Togo
Cuba	Mongolia	Tonga
Cyprus	Mozambique	Trinidad and Tobago
Czech Republic	Myanmar	Tunisia
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Namibia	Turkey
Denmark	Nauru	Turkmenistan
Egypt	Nepal	Tuvalu
Equatorial Guinea	New Zealand	Uganda
Eritrea	Nicaragua	United Republic of Tanzania
Estonia	Niger	Vanuatu
Ethiopia	Norway	Venezuela
Fiji	Oman	Viet Nam
Finland	Pakistan	Yemen
France	Palau	Zambia
Gabon	Panama	Zimbabwe
Gambia	Papua New Guinea	
Georgia	Paraguay	
Germany	People's Democratic Republic of Korea	
Ghana		

The Committee recommends that the delegations of the above Member States be allowed to take part in the work of the General Conference at its 33rd session.

The delegations of the following Member States have submitted credentials in the form of notes, letters or other documents issued by a minister other than the Minister for Foreign Affairs and not so authorized by the latter, by the head of a diplomatic mission, by a Permanent Delegate to UNESCO or by a senior government official:

Albania	El Salvador	Peru
Algeria	Guatemala	Rwanda
Angola	Guinea	Sao Tome and Principe
Argentina	Guinea-Bissau	Sierra Leone
Armenia	Haiti	Slovenia
Cape Verde	Honduras	Somalia
Chad	Hungary	Sudan
Chile	Jamaica	Thailand
Côte d'Ivoire	Kiribati	Ukraine
Croatia	Liberia	United Arab Emirates
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Djibouti	Mauritius	United States of America
Dominican Republic	Morocco	Uruguay
Ecuador	Netherlands	Uzbekistan
	Nigeria	

The Committee proposes that these notes, letters and other documents be accepted as the provisional credentials of the delegations of the Member States concerned, subject to later presentation of valid credentials, and that in the meantime these delegations be allowed to take part in the work of the 33rd session of the General Conference.

Valid credentials have been submitted by the delegations of the Netherlands Antilles and the British Virgin Islands, Associate Members.

The Committee has also received valid credentials for the observer delegations of the Holy See and Singapore, and provisional credentials for the delegation of Palestine, Observer. The Committee proposes that these credentials should also be accepted.

The delegations of the following Member States have not yet submitted credentials:

Antigua and Barbuda	Malta
Comoros (Union of the)	Marshall Islands
Cook Islands	Micronesia (Federated States of)
Dominica	Niue
Kyrgyzstan	Timor-Leste

The delegations of the following Associate Members have not yet submitted credentials:

Aruba
Cayman Islands
Macao (China)
Tokelau

The following observer delegation has not yet submitted credentials:

Liechtenstein