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FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

At its first plenary meeting, held on Tuesday 16 October 2007, the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in accordance with Rules 26 and 32 of its Rules of Procedure, established a Credentials Committee for its 34th session, consisting of the following Member States: Barbados, El Salvador, Kenya, Kuwait, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Samoa and Slovakia.

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

The Committee elected H.E. Ms Ina Marčiulionytė, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Lithuania to UNESCO, as its Chairperson.

At the Chairperson's request, the Legal Adviser informed the Committee of the criteria for deciding whether credentials were in due form, 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
Albania
Algeria
Andorra
Angola
Argentina
Armenia
Australia

Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize

Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso

Burundi	Kazakhstan	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Cambodia	Kuwait	Saint Lucia
Cameroon	Kyrgyzstan	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Canada	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Samoa
Cape Verde	Latvia	San Marino
Central African Republic	Lebanon	Saudi Arabia
Chile	Lesotho	Senegal
China	Liberia	Serbia
Colombia	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Seychelles
Comoros	Lithuania	Singapore
Cook Islands	Luxembourg	Slovakia
Costa Rica	Madagascar	Slovenia
Côte d'Ivoire	Malawi	Solomon Islands
Croatia	Malaysia	South Africa
Cuba	Maldives	Sri Lanka
Cyprus	Mali	Sudan
Czech Republic	Malta	Suriname
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mauritius	Swaziland
Denmark	Mexico	Sweden
Djibouti	Monaco	Switzerland
Dominican Republic	Mongolia	Syrian Arab Republic
Ecuador	Montenegro	Tajikistan
Egypt	Morocco	Thailand
El Salvador	Mozambique	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Equatorial Guinea	Myanmar	Togo
Eritrea	Namibia	Tonga
Estonia	Nauru	Trinidad and Tobago
Ethiopia	Nepal	Turkey
Fiji	Netherlands	Turkmenistan
Finland	New Zealand	Uganda
France	Nicaragua	Ukraine
Gabon	Niger	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Georgia	Nigeria	United Republic of Tanzania
Germany	Oman	United States of America
Ghana	Pakistan	Uruguay
Greece	Palau	Uzbekistan
Guinea	Panama	Venezuela (the Bolivarian Republic of)
Guyana	Papua New Guinea	Viet Nam
Hungary	Paraguay	Yemen
Iceland	Peru	Zambia
India	Philippines	Zimbabwe
Indonesia	Portugal	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Qatar	
Iraq	Republic of Korea	
Israel	Republic of Moldova	
Japan	Romania	
Jordan	Russian Federation	

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 34th 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:

Bahrain	Kenya
Brazil	Mauritania
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Norway
Gambia	Poland
Guatemala	Sao Tome and Principe
Haiti	Somalia
Honduras	Spain
Italy	Timor-Leste
Jamaica	

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 credentials in due form, and that in the meantime these delegations be allowed to take part in the work of the 34th session of the General Conference.

Credentials in due form have been submitted by the delegation of the Netherlands Antilles, Associate Member.

Provisional credentials have also been received for the delegation of the British Virgin Islands, Associate Member.

The Committee has also received credentials in due form for the observer delegation of the Holy See, and provisional credentials for the observer delegation of Palestine.

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	Micronesia (Federated States of)
Chad	Niue
Congo	Rwanda
Dominica	Sierra Leone
Grenada	Tunisia
Guinea-Bissau	Tuvalu
Ireland	United Arab Emirates
Kiribati	Vanuatu
Marshall Islands	

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

Aruba	Macao (China)
Cayman Islands	Tokelau

The following observer delegation has not yet submitted credentials:

Lichtenstein