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**FIRST REPORT
OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

At its first plenary meeting, held on Tuesday 6 October 2009, 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 35th session, consisting of the following Member States: Algeria, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Fiji, Hungary, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

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

The Committee elected H.E. Mr Maker Mwangu Famba, Minister of Primary, Secondary and Vocational Education and President of the National Commission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo for UNESCO, as its Chairperson.

The Committee also elected H.E. Mr Peter Landymore, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to UNESCO, as its Vice-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", according to established practice at UNESCO.

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	Grenada	Peru
Algeria	Guatemala	Philippines
Andorra	Guyana	Portugal
Australia	Haiti	Qatar
Austria	Iceland	Republic of Moldova
Azerbaijan	India	Romania
Bangladesh	Indonesia	Russian Federation
Barbados	Ireland	Rwanda
Belarus	Jamaica	Saint Lucia
Belize	Japan	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Benin	Kazakhstan	San Marino
Bhutan	Kenya	Saudi Arabia
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Kuwait	Senegal
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kyrgyzstan	Serbia
Botswana	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Seychelles
Brazil	Latvia	Sierra Leone
Brunei Darussalam	Lebanon	Singapore
Bulgaria	Lesotho	Slovakia
Burkina Faso	Liberia	Slovenia
Burundi	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Solomon Islands
Canada	Luxembourg	South Africa
Cape Verde	Madagascar	Spain
Chile	Malawi	Sri Lanka
China	Mali	Suriname
Colombia	Mauritania	Switzerland
Cuba	Mexico	Syrian Arab Republic
Czech Republic	Monaco	Tajikistan
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mongolia	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Montenegro	Timor-Leste
Denmark	Mozambique	Togo
Djibouti	Myanmar	Tonga
Ecuador	Namibia	Trinidad and Tobago
Egypt	Nauru	Turkey
El Salvador	Nepal	Turkmenistan
Eritrea	Netherlands	Uganda
Estonia	New Zealand	Ukraine
Ethiopia	Nicaragua	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Fiji	Niger	Uruguay
Finland	Norway	Vanuatu
France	Oman	Yemen
Gabon	Pakistan	Zambia
Georgia	Palau	Zimbabwe
Germany	Panama	
Greece	Papua New Guinea	

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 35th 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	Gambia	Somalia
Belgium	Ghana	Sudan
Cambodia	Iraq	Swaziland
Cameroon	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Tunisia
Central African Republic	Italy	Tuvalu
Congo	Jordan	United Republic of Tanzania
Croatia	Malaysia	United States of America
Cyprus	Nigeria	Uzbekistan
Dominican Republic	Samoa	Viet Nam

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 General Conference at its the 35th session.

Credentials in due form have been submitted by the delegations of the Netherlands Antilles and the British Virgin Islands, Associate Members.

The Committee has also received credentials in due form for the observer delegations of Palestine and the Holy See. The Committee proposes that these credentials should also be accepted.

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

Angola	Guinea	Micronesia (Federated States of)
Antigua and Barbuda	Guinea-Bissau	Morocco
Argentina	Equatorial Guinea	Niue
Armenia	Honduras	Paraguay
Bahamas	Hungary	Poland
Bahrain	Israel	Republic of Korea
Chad	Kiribati	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Comoros	Lithuania	Sao Tome and Principe
Cook Islands	Maldives	Sweden
Costa Rica	Malta	Thailand
Côte d'Ivoire	Marshall Islands	United Arab Emirates
Dominica	Mauritius	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

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:

Liechtenstein