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FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

At its first plenary meeting, held on 25 October 2011, 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 36th session, consisting of the following Member States: Azerbaijan, Canada, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Egypt, Namibia, Nepal, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen.

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

The Committee elected H.E. Uffe Andreasen, Ambassador, Representative of Denmark to the UNESCO Executive Board, as its Chairperson.

At the request of the Chairperson, the Legal Advisor 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 the credentials of delegates and alternates shall be issued by the head of State, the head of the government, or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or another minister authorized by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to issue credentials.

The Legal Advisor also explained the meaning and implications of the expression "provisional credentials" according to the practice established by the General Conference of UNESCO.

The Secretariat then informed the Committee of the state of the credentials received so far. 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 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:¹

¹ The delegation of the Republic of the Marshall Islands informed the Committee on 25 October 2011 that "RMI's delegate to the above-referenced session, will not be able to attend this important conference. Therefore, this prevents RMI from participating in the conference and in voting proceedings".

Afghanistan	Finland	Oman
Albania	France	Pakistan
Algeria	Gabon	Palau
Andorra	Gambia	Panama
Angola	Georgia	Paraguay
Armenia	Ghana	Peru
Australia	Greece	Portugal
Austria	Grenada	Qatar
Azerbaijan	Guyana	Republic of Korea
Bahrain	Hungary	Republic of Moldova
Bangladesh	Iceland	Romania
Barbados	Indonesia	Russian Federation
Belarus	Ireland	Rwanda
Belgium	Israel	Saint Lucia
Belize	Italy	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Benin	Jamaica	Samoa
Bhutan	Japan	San Marino
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kazakhstan	Senegal
Botswana	Kenya	Seychelles
Brazil	Kiribati	Singapore
Brunei Darussalam	Kuwait	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Kyrgyzstan	Slovenia
Burkina Faso	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Solomon Islands
Burundi	Latvia	South Africa
Cambodia	Lebanon	Spain
Canada	Lesotho	Sri Lanka
Cape Verde	Liberia	Suriname
Central African Republic	Libya	Sweden
Chad	Lithuania	Switzerland
Chile	Luxembourg	Syrian Arab Republic
China	Madagascar	Tajikistan
Comoros	Malawi	Thailand
Congo	Malaysia	Timor-Leste
Cook Islands	Maldives	Togo
Costa Rica	Malta	Tonga
Côte d'Ivoire	Mauritania	Turkey
Croatia	Mexico	Turkmenistan
Cuba	Monaco	Tuvalu
Cyprus	Mongolia	Ukraine
Czech Republic	Montenegro	United Arab Emirates
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Morocco	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mozambique	United States of America
Denmark	Myanmar	Uruguay
Djibouti	Namibia	Uzbekistan
Dominican Republic	Nepal	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Ecuador	Netherlands	Viet Nam
Eritrea	New Zealand	Yemen
Estonia	Nicaragua	Zimbabwe
Ethiopia	Niger	
Fiji	Niue	
	Norway	

The Committee recommends that the delegations of the above-mentioned Member States be allowed to take part in the work of the General Conference at its 36th 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:

Argentina	India	Saudi Arabia
Bahamas	Iraq	Somalia
Cameroon	Jordan	Sudan
Colombia	Mali	Swaziland
Egypt	Nauru	Trinidad and Tobago
El Salvador	Nigeria	Tunisia
Germany	Papua New Guinea	Uganda
Guatemala	Philippines	Zambia
Honduras	Poland	

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 36th session.

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

Provisional credentials have also been received from the delegation of Macao, Associate Member.

The Committee has also received credentials in due form for the observer delegation of 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:

Antigua and Barbuda	Mauritius
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Micronesia (Federated States of)
Dominica	United Republic of Tanzania
Guinea	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Guinea-Bissau	Sao Tome and Principe
Equatorial Guinea	Serbia
Haiti	Sierra Leone
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Marshall Islands	Vanuatu

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

Aruba
Cayman Islands
Tokelau

The observer delegations of Liechtenstein and Palestine have not yet submitted credentials.