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FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

At its first plenary meeting, held on Tuesday 5 November 2013, 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 37th session, consisting of the following Member States: Bahrain, Cameroon, Canada, Ecuador, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Paraguay and the Czech Republic.

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

The Committee elected H.E. Ms. Hadidja Alim Youssouf, Minister of Basic Education of Cameroon and President of the National Commission of the Republic of Cameroon for UNESCO 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:

Afghanistan	Finland	Palau
Albania	France	Palestine
Algeria	Gabon	Panama
Andorra	Gambia	Paraguay
Angola	Georgia	Philippines
Armenia	Germany	Portugal
Australia	Ghana	Qatar
Austria	Greece	Republic of Korea
Azerbaijan	Grenada	Republic of Moldova
Bahamas	Guatemala	Romania
Bahrain	Guinea	Russian Federation
Bangladesh	Guyana	Saint Lucia
Barbados	Honduras	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belarus	Hungary	Samoa
Belgium	Iceland	Saudi Arabia
Belize	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Senegal
Benin	Ireland	Serbia
Bhutan	Italy	Seychelles
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Jamaica	Singapore
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Japan	Slovakia
Botswana	Kazakhstan	Slovenia
Brazil	Kenya	Solomon Islands
Brunei Darussalam	Kiribati	South Africa
Bulgaria	Kuwait	Spain
Burkina Faso	Kyrgyzstan	Sri Lanka
Burundi	Latvia	Sudan
Cambodia	Lebanon	Suriname
Cameroon	Lesotho	Sweden
Canada	Liberia	Switzerland
Central African Republic	Libya	Syrian Arab Republic
Chad	Lithuania	Tajikistan
China	Luxembourg	Thailand
Colombia	Madagascar	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Comoros	Malawi	Timor-Leste
Congo	Malaysia	Togo
Cook Islands	Mauritania	Tonga
Costa Rica	Mauritius	Turkey
Côte d'Ivoire	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Turkmenistan
Croatia	Monaco	Tuvalu
Cuba	Mongolia	Trinidad and Tobago
Cyprus	Montenegro	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Czech Republic	Morocco	United Republic of Tanzania
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Myanmar	United States of America
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Namibia	Uruguay
Denmark	Nauru	Uzbekistan
Djibouti	Nepal	Vanuatu
Dominican Republic	Netherlands	Viet Nam
Ecuador	New Zealand	Yemen
Egypt	Niger	Zambia
Equatorial Guinea	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
Estonia	Norway	
Ethiopia	Oman	
Fiji	Pakistan	

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 37th 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	Jordan	Rwanda
Cape Verde	Lao People's Democratic	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Chile	Republic	San Marino
El Salvador	Mexico	Somalia
India	Nicaragua	Tunisia
Indonesia	Peru	Uganda
Iraq	Poland	United Arab Emirates

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 37th session.

Credentials in due form have been submitted by the delegations of the following Associate Members:

Anguilla	Curaçao
Aruba	Faroe Islands
British Virgin Islands	Sint Maarten

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	Mozambique
Dominica	Niue
Eritrea	Papua New Guinea
Guinea-Bissau	Sao Tome and Principe
Haiti	Sierra Leone
Israel	South Sudan
Maldives	Swaziland
Mali	Ukraine
Marshall Islands	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Malta	

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

Cayman Islands
Macao, China
Tokelau

The following observer delegation has not yet submitted credentials.

Liechtenstein