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## FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

At its first plenary meeting, held on Tuesday 3 November 2015, 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 38th session, consisting of the following Member States:

- El Salvador
- Guinea
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Turkey
- Yemen

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

The Committee elected H.E. Ms Mariam Y. Katagum, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Nigeria to 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:

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| – Afghanistan            | – Democratic People’s | – Lao People’s        |
| – Albania                | Republic of Korea     | Democratic            |
| – Algeria                | – Democratic          | Republic              |
| – Andorra                | Republic of the       | – Latvia              |
| – Armenia                | Congo                 | – Lebanon             |
| – Australia              | – Denmark             | – Lesotho             |
| – Austria                | – Djibouti            | – Liberia             |
| – Azerbaijan             | – Dominican Republic  | – Lithuania           |
| – Bahamas                | – Egypt               | – Luxembourg          |
| – Bahrain                | – El Salvador         | – Madagascar          |
| – Bangladesh             | – Equatorial Guinea   | – Malaysia            |
| – Barbados               | – Eritrea             | – Maldives            |
| – Belarus                | – Estonia             | – Mali                |
| – Belgium                | – Fiji                | – Mauritania          |
| – Belize                 | – Finland             | – Mauritius           |
| – Benin                  | – France              | – Mexico              |
| – Bhutan                 | – Gabon               | – Micronesia          |
| – Bolivia (Plurinational | – Gambia              | (Federated States     |
| State of)                | – Georgia             | of)                   |
| – Bosnia and             | – Germany             | – Monaco              |
| Herzegovina              | – Ghana               | – Montenegro          |
| – Botswana               | – Greece              | – Morocco             |
| – Brazil                 | – Grenada             | – Mozambique          |
| – Brunei Darussalam      | – Guinea              | – Myanmar             |
| – Bulgaria               | – Guyana              | – Namibia             |
| – Burkina Faso           | – Honduras            | – Nepal               |
| – Burundi                | – Hungary             | – Netherlands         |
| – Cambodia               | – Iceland             | – New Zealand         |
| – Canada                 | – India               | – Nicaragua           |
| – Cabo Verde             | – Indonesia           | – Niger               |
| – Central African        | – Iran (Islamic       | – Norway              |
| Republic                 | Republic of)          | – Oman                |
| – Chad                   | – Iraq                | – Pakistan            |
| – Chile                  | – Ireland             | – Palau               |
| – China                  | – Israel              | – Papua New Guinea    |
| – Colombia               | – Italy               | – Paraguay            |
| – Comoros                | – Jamaica             | – Philippines         |
| – Congo                  | – Japan               | – Poland              |
| – Cook Islands           | – Jordan              | – Portugal            |
| – Costa Rica             | – Kazakhstan          | – Qatar               |
| – Croatia                | – Kenya               | – Republic of Korea   |
| – Cuba                   | – Kuwait              | – Republic of Moldova |
| – Cyprus                 | – Kyrgyzstan          | – Romania             |
| – Czech Republic         |                       | – Russian Federation  |

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| – Saint Kitts and Nevis            | – Swaziland                                 | – Ukraine  |
| – Saint Lucia                      | – Sweden                                    | – United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| – Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | – Switzerland                               | – United Republic of Tanzania                          |
| – Samoa                            | – Tajikistan                                | – Uruguay  |
| – San Marino                       | – Thailand                                  | – Uzbekistan   |
| – Senegal                          | – The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | – Vanuatu  |
| – Serbia                           | – Togo                                      | – Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)                   |
| – Seychelles                       | – Tonga                                     | – Viet Nam   |
| – Singapore                        | – Trinidad and Tobago                       | – Zambia   |
| – Slovakia                         | – Tunisia                                   | – Zimbabwe   |
| – Slovenia                         | – Turkey                                    |  |
| – South Africa                     | – Turkmenistan                              |  |
| – Spain                            | – Tuvalu                                    |  |
| – Sri Lanka                        | – Uganda                                    |  |
| – Sudan                            |   |  |

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 38th 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:

- Angola
- Argentina
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Ecuador
- Ethiopia
- Guatemala
- Guinea-Bissau
- Haiti
- Libya
- Malta
- Nigeria
- Palestine
- Panama
- Peru
- Rwanda
- Saudi Arabia
- Solomon Islands
- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Suriname
- Syrian Arab Republic
- United Arab Emirates
- United States of America
- Yemen

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 38th session.

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

- British Virgin Islands
- Curaçao
- Sint Maarten

The Committee has also received provisional credentials of the following Associate Member:

- Faroes

Credentials in due form have been submitted by 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
- Cameroon
- Dominica
- Kiribati
- Malawi
- Marshall Islands
- Mongolia
- Nauru
- Niue
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Sierra Leone
- Timor-Leste

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

- Anguilla
- Aruba
- Cayman Islands
- Macau (China)
- Tokelau

The following observer delegation has not yet submitted credentials:

- Liechtenstein