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Credentials of representatives to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Ms. Jane Mugafalu Kabui **Waetara** (Solomon Islands)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 5 September 2023, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its seventy-eighth session consisting of the following Member States: Andorra, China, Grenada, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Togo and United States of America.
2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting on 6 December 2023.
3. The Permanent Representative of Solomon Islands to the United Nations, Jane Mugafalu Kabui Waetara, was unanimously elected Chair.
4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 5 December 2023 concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs made a statement in relation to the memorandum.
5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, as updated by the statement made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs as required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly had been submitted by the following 104 Member States in respect of their representatives to the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nepal, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles,



Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Zimbabwe.

6. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, as updated by the statement made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, information concerning the appointment of representatives of Member States to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly had been communicated to the Secretary-General by means of a copy of formal credentials signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 87 Member States: Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Fiji, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam and Zambia.

7. The Committee had before it two communications concerning the representation of Myanmar at the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly, indicating different individuals as representatives to the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly. The first was dated 16 August 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations in New York. The second was dated 16 August 2023 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar.

8. The Committee had before it two communications concerning the representation of Afghanistan at the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly, indicating different individuals as representatives to the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly. The first was dated 25 August 2023 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations in New York. The second was dated 17 September 2023 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan.

9. The Chair proposed that the Committee postpone its consideration of the credentials pertaining to the representatives of Myanmar and of the credentials pertaining to the representatives of Afghanistan to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly, and to revert to consideration of these credentials at a future time in the seventy-eighth session. The proposal was adopted without a vote.

10. The Chair also proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee on the understanding that the formal credentials of the representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraph 6 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General, as updated.

11. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair was adopted without a vote.
12. The Chair then proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled “Credentials of representatives to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly” (see para. 14). The proposal was adopted without a vote.
13. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

14. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.¹

¹ [A/78/605](#).