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## Credentials Committee

### Report of the Credentials Committee to the World Summit on the Information Society

1. Rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the World Summit on the Information Society provides that:

“A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Summit. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at the time the respective Summit phase is held. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Summit without delay.”

2. At the 1st plenary meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, on 10 December 2003, the Summit, in accordance with rule 5 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee having its composition based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-eight session, namely, Barbados\*, Cape Verde, China, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Fiji, New Zealand, Russia and the United States.

3. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 11 December 2003.

4. Mr. Abel Caine (Fiji) was unanimously elected Chairperson.

5. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Summit dated 10 December 2003 on the credentials of representatives of States and of the European Community to the Summit. The Secretary of the Credentials Committee made a statement relating to the memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Summit, in which, *inter alia*, he updated the memorandum to indicate credentials and communications received subsequently to its preparation.

6. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the Summit, in the form required by rule 3 and 4 of the rules of procedure of the Summit, had been received as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 103 States

Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of

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\* Barbados replaced Antigua.

Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

7. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of States and of the European Community to the Summit had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Summit, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a telefax from the head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the mission concerned, by the following 41 States and the European Community.

Afghanistan, Angola, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Colombia, European Community, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Iraq, Kenya, Korea (Rep. of), Kuwait, Lao P. D. R., Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia, Moldova, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Qatar, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, The Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Venezuela.

8. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, the following 31 States participating in the Summit had not, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General of the Summit any information regarding its representatives to the Summit:

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Central African Rep., Comoros, Congo (Rep. of the), Cuba, Dem. Rep. of the Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, France, Georgia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Niue, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Singapore, Sudan, Suriname, United Kingdom, Yemen.

9. The Committee decided to accept the credentials of the representatives of all States listed in the above-mentioned memorandum and the statement relating thereto and the European Community, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Summit as soon as possible.

10. The Committee adopted the following draft resolution without a vote:

*“The Credentials Committee,*

*“Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the World Summit on the Information Society referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General of the Summit dated 10 December 2003,*

*“Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the States and of the European Community referred to in the above-mentioned memorandum.”*

11. The Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the Summit the adoption of a draft resolution (see para.13 below).

12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Summit.

### **Recommendation of the Credentials Committee**

13. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Summit the adoption of the following draft resolution:

**“Credentials of representatives to the World Summit on the Information Society”**

*“The World Summit on the Information Society,*

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

*“Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.”*

## ANNEX A

### **Status of the Credentials as of 12 December 17 hours**

1. Formal credentials of representatives to the Summit, in the form required by rule 3 and 4 of the rules of procedure of the Summit, had been received as of 12 December 17 hours from the following 125 States and the European Community:

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, European Community, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea (Rep. of), Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao P. D. R., Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

2. Information concerning the appointment of the representatives of States to the Summit had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Summit, as of 12 December 17 hours, by means of a telefax from the head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the mission concerned, by the following 45 States:

Afghanistan, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Rep., Congo (Rep. of the), Cuba, Ecuador, Fiji, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Guinea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Micronesia, Moldova, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Niue, Panama, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, The Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, United Kingdom, Venezuela.

3. The following 5 States participating in the Summit had not, as of 12 December 17 hours, communicated to the Secretary-General of the Summit any information regarding its representatives to the Summit:

Dem. Rep. of the Congo, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint-Lucia.

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