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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 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, on 16 November 2005, 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 sixtieth session, namely, Cameroon, China, Panama, Portugal, Saint Lucia\*, Samoa, Sierra Leone\*\*, Russian Federation and the United States of America.
3. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 18 November 2005.
4. Mme Shelley-Ann Clarke-Hinds, (Trinidad and Tobago) was unanimously elected Chairperson.
5. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Summit dated 18 November 2005 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 of the Secretary-General of the Summit, in which, *inter alia*, he updated the memorandum to indicate credentials and communications received after its initial 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 rules 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 112 States and the European Community :

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\* Trinidad and Tobago replaced Saint Lucia.

\*\* Nigeria replaced Sierra Leone

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Côte D'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, European Community, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia, Monaco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Yemen.

7. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of States 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 39 States :

Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia.

8. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, the following 23 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:

Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Congo (Republic of the), Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Guyana, Haiti, Lebanon, Liberia, Mauritania, Mongolia, Mozambique, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Tuvalu, Zimbabwe.

9. The Committee decided to accept the credentials of the representatives of all States and the European Community listed in the above-mentioned memorandum and the statement relating thereto, 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 18 November 2005,*

“*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.”

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## ANNEX A

### **Status of the Credentials as of 18 November, 19 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 18 November, 19 hours, from the following 118 States and the European Community:

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte D'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, European Community, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Monaco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Yemen.

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 18 November, 19 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 34 States:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Canada, Colombia, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Holy See, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Morocco, Nepal, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Senegal, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia.

3. The following 21 States participating in the Summit had not, as of 18 November, 19 hours, communicated to the Secretary-General of the Summit any information regarding its representatives to the Summit:

Burundi, Central African Republic, Congo (Republic of the), Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Guyana, Haiti, Lebanon, Liberia, Mauritania, Mongolia, Mozambique, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone. Sudan, Togo. Zimbabwe.