

**SECOND REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE
DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING
OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND
TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE

Report of the Credentials Committee

1. At its second plenary meeting on 8 September 1986 the Conference, according to rule 3 of its Rules of Procedure, unanimously elected Ambassador Denis D. Afande of Kenya as Chairman of the Credentials Committee and Ambassador Don José M. Lacleta of Spain as Vice-Chairman.
2. At its fourth plenary meeting on 9 September 1986, the Conference appointed the following as members of the Credentials Committee: Cyprus, Jordan, New Zealand, Switzerland and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.
3. The Committee held its first meeting on 9 September 1986. It had before it an informal working paper concerning the status of the credentials of the 61 States Parties and 4 Signatory States participating in the Conference as of that date. The Committee decided to request the President of the Conference to remind delegations that had not yet submitted their credentials in accordance with rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure to do so as soon as possible.
4. At its second meeting on 24 September 1986, the Committee had before it a memorandum dated 23 September 1986 submitted by the Secretary-General of the Conference on the status of the credentials of participating delegations. The memorandum reads as follows:

"(a) As of 23 September 1986, 63 States Parties and 4 Signatory States to the Second Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction are participating in the Conference.

(b) As of 23 September 1986, formal credentials in due form under rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure were received by the Secretary-General of the Conference from the following States Parties: Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan,

Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand , Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

(c) Provisional credentials of the representatives of the following States Parties were communicated to the Secretary-General in the form of cables from their respective Foreign Ministers: Belgium, Chile, Colombia and Portugal.

(d) The lists of representatives of the following States Parties were communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by letters from their respective Missions in Geneva: Argentina, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kuwait, Luxembourg, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Spain and Zaire.

(e) With respect to the Signatory States attending the Conference, formal credentials under rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the representative of Iraq were received by the Secretary-General and the lists of representatives of Egypt, Morocco and Sri Lanka were communicated to the Secretary-General by their respective Permanent Missions in Geneva."

5. Subsequently, on 23 September 1986, formal credentials in due form under rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure were received by the Secretary-General of the Conference from Belgium.

6. During the examination of the credentials of representatives, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic stated that it reserved its position with respect to the credentials of the so-called Democratic Kampuchea, which, in its view, does not represent anybody as a delegation nor control any territory or population and has no right to be represented at any international conference.

7. Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, taking into account the reservation expressed in paragraph 6 of this report, to accept the credentials of the representatives of the participating States referred to in the Secretary-General's memorandum of 23 September 1986, on the understanding that those States that had not yet submitted formal credentials for their representatives as required by rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure should communicate them to the Secretary-General of the Conference as soon as possible.

8. The Committee unanimously adopted the above report.