

**FIFTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE
STATES 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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REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. Rule 3 of Rules of Procedure of the Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction provides that “The Conference shall establish a Credentials Committee composed of the Chairman, one Vice-Chairman elected in accordance with Rule 5, and five members appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President. The Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.”
2. On 19 November 2001, in accordance with the above-mentioned Rule, the Conference acting on the proposal of the President appointed the following countries as members of the Credentials Committee: Australia, Colombia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Netherlands, Romania, Ukraine and Venezuela.
3. At the same meeting in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure, the Conference unanimously elected H.E. Ambassador Ali Ashgar Soltanieh (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Chairman of the Credentials Committee and H.E. Ambassador Chris Sanders (Netherlands) as Vice-Chairman of the Committee. Ms. Mika Murakami, Associate Political Affairs Officer of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, served as Secretary of the Committee.
4. Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure provides that: “The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisors shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, if possible not less than one week before the date fixed for the opening of the Conference. Credentials shall be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.”
5. The Committee held its 1st meeting on 3 December 2001 to examine the credentials received as of that date. The Committee had before it the Memorandum of 30 November 2001 from Mr. Enrique Roman-Morey, Secretary-General of the Conference, containing information on the status of the credentials of the representatives of the States Parties attending the Conference.

6. Noting the information contained in the Memorandum from the Secretary-General of the Conference, the Committee decided to issue an informal paper on the status of credentials. The informal paper was circulated in the Conference Room on 3 December.

7. Having examined the information contained in the Secretary-General's Memorandum as well as the documentation received from States Parties to the Convention, the Committee noted that as of 6 December 2001:

(a) Formal credentials in due form, as provided for by Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure, had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference for representatives from the following 61 States Parties: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

(b) Provisional credentials of the representatives of the following 15 States Parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference in the form of telefax or copy from their Heads of State or Government or from Foreign Ministers: Armenia, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Guatemala, Italy, Kuwait, Latvia, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Panama, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal and Viet Nam.

(c) The Designation of the representatives of the following 15 States Parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by notes verbales or letters from their Permanent Missions in Geneva: Albania, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Honduras, Iceland, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Portugal, Sri Lanka, Venezuela and Yemen.

8. At its 2nd meeting on 6 December 2001, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to accept the credentials of all the participating States Parties referred to in paragraph 7 (a), (b) and (c) above, on the understanding that the originals of the credentials of the representatives of those States referred to in paragraph 7 (b) and (c) would be submitted as soon as possible, in accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure.

9. At its 2nd meeting, the Committee unanimously adopted its report to the Conference.

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Credentials Committee to the Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction

The Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction,

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

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.
