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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONGRESS

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Mongulu T'APANGANE (Zaire)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 27 August 1990, the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure (A/CONF.144/2 and Corr.1) appointed a Credentials Committee composed of the following nine States: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, China, Colombia, Malawi, Netherlands, Philippines, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Zaire.
2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting on 31 August 1990.
3. Mr. Mongulu T'Apangane (Zaire) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.
4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Executive Secretary of the Congress, dated 29 August 1990, on the status of credentials of representatives of States participating in the Eighth Congress. Additional information on credentials received by the Executive Secretary of the Congress after the issuance of the memorandum was provided to the Committee by its Secretary.
5. As noted in the memorandum of the Executive Secretary and the statement related thereto:
 - (a) Formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided for in rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Congress, had been received by the Executive Secretary, as at 31 August 1990, from the representatives of the following 74 States participating in the Congress:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Finland, Gabon, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe.

(b) The designation of the representatives of the following 53 States had been communicated, as at 31 August 1990, to the Executive Secretary of the Congress by means of a letter, note verbale, cable or facsimile from their respective permanent representatives or permanent missions to the United Nations (New York or Vienna), their embassies in Havana or their Ministries of Justice or other authorities: Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Comoros, Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, France, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malawi, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Zaire and Zambia.

6. The representative of the Netherlands stated that, in view of the technical nature of credentials, his delegation had no objection to approving the credentials of the delegation of Afghanistan.

7. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that, in connection with the statement made by the representative of the Netherlands, the role of the Committee was a purely technical one to ensure that credentials had been properly issued. He saw no need to highlight the credentials of the representatives of any particular State and had no difficulty in accepting the credentials of the representatives of States listed in the memorandum of the Executive Secretary, as long as the necessary formalities were fulfilled.

8. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee adopt the following resolution:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of representatives to the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,

Taking into account the various statements made during the debate,

1. Accepts the credentials of representatives submitted in accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Congress:

2. Accepts as provisional credentials the other communications received and reported to the Committee on the understanding that credentials, in due form as required under rule 3 of the rules of procedure, would be promptly submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Congress;

3. Recommends to the Congress that it approve the report of the Credentials Committee.

9. The resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

10. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Congress the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 12 below). The proposal was approved by the Committee without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Congress.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Congress the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,

Having examined the report of the Credentials Committee,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

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