

**THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE
STATES PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR
RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF
CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE
EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO
HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS**

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REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Third Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW/CONF.III/3) provides that:

“1. There shall be a Credentials Committee of five members elected by the Conference on the proposal of the President.

2. The Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference.”

2. The Third Review Conference, at its first plenary meeting, on 7 November 2006, on the proposal of the President, appointed the following countries as members of the Credentials Committee: Australia, Croatia, Mexico, Slovakia and South Africa.

3. The Committee held two meetings on 10 and 17 November 2006 to examine the credentials received as of those dates. Ambassador Gordan Markotić of Croatia chaired the Committee. Mr. Enrique Ochoa (Mexico) served as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee. Mr Bantan Nugroho, Political Affairs Officer, served as Secretary of the Committee.

4. The Committee held its first meeting on 10 November 2006 and had before it the memorandum from Mr. Peter Kolarov, the Secretary-General of the Conference, dated 10 November 2006, containing information on the status of the credentials of the representatives of the States Parties attending the Conference.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee took note of the information reported by the Secretary-General of the Conference and decided to accept the credentials of the States Parties which had submitted formal credentials in due form, as well as of the States Parties which had presented provisional credentials on the understanding that the originals of the credentials of the latter would be submitted as soon as possible, in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure. The Committee agreed to invite those States Parties, that had not yet done so, to submit to the Secretary-General of the Conference the credentials of their representatives in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure.

6. The Committee held its second meeting on 17 November 2006 and had before it the memorandum from the Secretary-General of the Conference, dated 17 November 2006, containing updated information on the status of the credentials of the representatives of the States Parties attending the Conference

7. At the same meeting, the Committee examined the information contained in the Secretary-General's memoranda, as well as the documentation received from States Parties and States not parties to the Convention, and noted as follows:

I. Legal framework

Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure provides that:

“The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the Conference. Any later change in the composition of delegations shall also be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government, or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.”

II. States Parties

As of 10.00 a.m. on 17 November 2006:

(a) Formal credentials in due form, as provided for by Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure, had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference for representatives from the following States Parties:

Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.

(b) Provisional credentials for the representatives of the following States Parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference:

Cuba, Denmark, El Salvador, Germany, Moldova, Philippines, Romania, Senegal, and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

(c) The designation of the representatives of the following States Parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by notes verbale or official letters:

Bangladesh, Benin, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Monaco, and Venezuela.

III. States not Parties

As of 10.00 a.m. on 17 November 2006, the following States not parties to the Convention, which had been among those invited as observers, had accredited their representatives:

- (a) States which have ratified or otherwise acceded to the Convention, but for which it is not yet in force: none.
- (b) Signatories: Afghanistan and Egypt.
- (c) Non-signatories: Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Guinea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, and Zimbabwe.

8. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to accept the credentials of all those States Parties referred to in paragraph 7 II (a), (b) and (c), above, on the understanding that the originals of the credentials of the representatives of those States Parties referred to in paragraph 7 II (b) and (c) would be submitted as soon as possible, in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure.

9. In view of the foregoing, at its second meeting on 17 November 2006, the Committee decided to recommend for adoption by the Conference the draft resolution, as contained in the Annex.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted by consensus its draft report (CCW/CONF.III/CC/CRP.1), which is being issued as document CCW/CONF.III/1

Annex

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

“REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE TO THE THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS

The Third Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects,

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

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.”

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