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Report on credentials

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which also applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, provides the following:

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties or the representative of the Executive Secretary if possible not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary or the representative of the Executive Secretary. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by

* The report was revised after the closure of the meetings to update it with additional registrations that occurred and credentials that were submitted between the time of issuance of the original report and the closure of the meetings, as detailed in the following footnotes.

the minister for foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

2. Under rule 19, the Bureau of any meeting is required to examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision.

3. Notifications from the Executive Secretary were sent to all Parties on 27 and 29 November 2024, 16 January 2025 and 6 and 17 February 2025 to remind them of the requirements to submit credentials or confirm whether the credentials submitted for the meetings held from 21 October to 1 November 2024 remained valid.

4. The present report on credentials is submitted for information at the second resumed sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, second resumed eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and second resumed fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, in accordance with the rules and the notifications referred to above.

II. Credentials of representatives of Parties to the Convention present at the second resumed sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

5. The total number of Parties to the Convention currently stands at 196. At the time of reporting, 153 Parties had their representatives registered and attending the second resumed sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.¹

6. As at 25 February 2025, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the minister for foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority, as provided for in rule 18 of the rules of procedure, had been submitted for the representatives of the following 139 Parties participating in the second resumed sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:²

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| 1. Algeria | 19. Cabo Verde |
| 2. Angola | 20. Cambodia |
| 3. Antigua and Barbuda | 21. Cameroon |
| 4. Armenia | 22. Canada |
| 5. Australia | 23. Central African Republic |
| 6. Austria | 24. Chad |
| 7. Azerbaijan | 25. Chile |
| 8. Bahamas | 26. China |
| 9. Bahrain | 27. Colombia |
| 10. Bangladesh | 28. Comoros |
| 11. Belgium | 29. Cook Islands |
| 12. Benin | 30. Costa Rica |
| 13. Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 31. Côte d'Ivoire |
| 14. Bosnia and Herzegovina | 32. Cuba |
| 15. Brazil | 33. Cyprus |
| 16. Bulgaria | 34. Czechia |
| 17. Burkina Faso | 35. Democratic Republic of the Congo |
| 18. Burundi | 36. Denmark |

¹ The following Party registered after the original report on credentials was issued: Botswana, bringing the total to 154.

² The following Parties submitted credentials after the original report on credentials was issued: Argentina, Barbados, Botswana, United Republic of Tanzania and Vanuatu, bringing the total to 144.

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| 37. Dominican Republic | 88. Morocco |
| 38. Ecuador | 89. Namibia |
| 39. El Salvador | 90. Nepal |
| 40. Equatorial Guinea | 91. Netherlands (Kingdom of the) |
| 41. Estonia | 92. New Zealand |
| 42. Eswatini | 93. Niger |
| 43. Ethiopia | 94. Nigeria |
| 44. European Union | 95. Norway |
| 45. Fiji | 96. Pakistan |
| 46. Finland | 97. Palau |
| 47. France | 98. Panama |
| 48. Gabon | 99. Papua New Guinea |
| 49. Georgia | 100. Paraguay |
| 50. Germany | 101. Peru |
| 51. Ghana | 102. Philippines |
| 52. Greece | 103. Poland |
| 53. Grenada | 104. Portugal |
| 54. Guatemala | 105. Republic of Korea |
| 55. Haiti | 106. Republic of Moldova |
| 56. Hungary | 107. Romania |
| 57. Iceland | 108. Russian Federation |
| 58. India | 109. Rwanda |
| 59. Indonesia | 110. Saint Kitts and Nevis |
| 60. Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 111. Saint Lucia |
| 61. Ireland | 112. Samoa |
| 62. Israel | 113. Sao Tome and Principe |
| 63. Italy | 114. Saudi Arabia |
| 64. Jamaica | 115. Senegal |
| 65. Japan | 116. Serbia |
| 66. Jordan | 117. Seychelles |
| 67. Kenya | 118. Singapore |
| 68. Kiribati | 119. Slovakia |
| 69. Kyrgyzstan | 120. Slovenia |
| 70. Latvia | 121. Somalia |
| 71. Lesotho | 122. South Africa |
| 72. Liberia | 123. Spain |
| 73. Lithuania | 124. Suriname |
| 74. Luxembourg | 125. Sweden |
| 75. Madagascar | 126. Switzerland |
| 76. Malawi | 127. Thailand |
| 77. Malaysia | 128. Togo |
| 78. Maldives | 129. Trinidad and Tobago |
| 79. Mali | 130. Uganda |
| 80. Malta | 131. Ukraine |
| 81. Marshall Islands | 132. United Arab Emirates |
| 82. Mauritania | 133. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| 83. Mauritius | 134. Uruguay |
| 84. Mexico | 135. Uzbekistan |
| 85. Micronesia (Federated States of) | 136. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) |
| 86. Monaco | 137. Viet Nam |
| 87. Mongolia | |

138. Zambia

139. Zimbabwe

III. Credentials of representatives of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol present at the second resumed eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

7. The total number of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol currently stands at 173. At the time of reporting, 136 Parties had their representatives registered and attending the second resumed eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.³

8. As at 25 February 2025, credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the minister for foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority, as provided for in rule 18 of the rules of procedure, had been submitted for the representatives of the following 117 Parties participating in the second resumed eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol:⁴

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| 1. Algeria | 32. El Salvador |
| 2. Angola | 33. Estonia |
| 3. Antigua and Barbuda | 34. Eswatini |
| 4. Armenia | 35. European Union |
| 5. Austria | 36. Fiji |
| 6. Azerbaijan | 37. Finland |
| 7. Bahamas | 38. France |
| 8. Bahrain | 39. Gabon |
| 9. Bangladesh | 40. Georgia |
| 10. Belgium | 41. Germany |
| 11. Benin | 42. Ghana |
| 12. Bolivia | 43. Greece |
| 13. Bosnia and Herzegovina | 44. Grenada |
| 14. Brazil | 45. Guatemala |
| 15. Bulgaria | 46. Hungary |
| 16. Burkina Faso | 47. India |
| 17. Burundi | 48. Indonesia |
| 18. Cabo Verde | 49. Iran (Islamic Republic of) |
| 19. Cambodia | 50. Italy |
| 20. Cameroon | 51. Jamaica |
| 21. China | 52. Japan |
| 22. Colombia | 53. Jordan |
| 23. Comoros | 54. Kenya |
| 24. Costa Rica | 55. Kiribati |
| 25. Côte d'Ivoire | 56. Kyrgyzstan |
| 26. Cuba | 57. Lesotho |
| 27. Cyprus | 58. Liberia |
| 28. Czechia | 59. Lithuania |
| 29. Denmark | 60. Luxembourg |
| 30. Dominican Republic | 61. Madagascar |
| 31. Ecuador | 62. Malawi |

³ The following Party registered after the original report on credentials was issued: Botswana, bringing the total to 137.

⁴ The following Parties submitted credentials after the original report on credentials was issued: Barbados, Botswana and United Republic of Tanzania, bringing the total to 120.

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| 63. Malaysia | 91. Saint Kitts and Nevis |
| 64. Maldives | 92. Saint Lucia |
| 65. Mali | 93. Samoa |
| 66. Malta | 94. Saudi Arabia |
| 67. Marshall Islands | 95. Senegal |
| 68. Mauritania | 96. Serbia |
| 69. Mauritius | 97. Seychelles |
| 70. Mexico | 98. Slovakia |
| 71. Mongolia | 99. Slovenia |
| 72. Morocco | 100. Somalia |
| 73. Namibia | 101. South Africa |
| 74. Netherlands (Kingdom of the) | 102. Spain |
| 75. Niger | 103. Suriname |
| 76. Nigeria | 104. Sweden |
| 77. Norway | 105. Switzerland |
| 78. Pakistan | 106. Thailand |
| 79. Palau | 107. Togo |
| 80. Panama | 108. Trinidad and Tobago |
| 81. Papua New Guinea | 109. Uganda |
| 82. Paraguay | 110. Ukraine |
| 83. Peru | 111. United Arab Emirates |
| 84. Philippines | 112. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| 85. Poland | 113. Uruguay |
| 86. Portugal | 114. Uzbekistan |
| 87. Republic of Korea | 115. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) |
| 88. Republic of Moldova | 116. Viet Nam |
| 89. Romania | 117. Zambia |
| 90. Rwanda | |

IV. Credentials of representatives of Parties to the Nagoya Protocol present at the second resumed fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

9. The total number of Parties to the Nagoya Protocol currently stands at 142. At the time of reporting, 116 Parties had their representatives registered and attending the second resumed fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.⁵

10. As at 25 February 2025, credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the minister for foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority, as provided for in rule 18 of the rules of procedure, had been submitted for the representatives of the following 99 Parties participating in the second resumed fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol:⁶

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| 1. Angola | 8. Benin |
| 2. Antigua and Barbuda | 9. Bolivia (Plurinational State of) |
| 3. Austria | 10. Brazil |
| 4. Bahamas | 11. Bulgaria |
| 5. Bahrain | 12. Burkina Faso |
| 6. Bangladesh | 13. Burundi |
| 7. Belgium | 14. Cambodia |

⁵ The following Party registered after the original report on credentials was issued: Botswana, bringing the total to 117.

⁶ The following Parties submitted credentials after the original report on credentials was issued: Argentina, Botswana, United Republic of Tanzania and Vanuatu, bringing the total to 103.

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| 15. Central African Republic | 58. Mexico |
| 16. China | 59. Micronesia (Federated States of) |
| 17. Comoros | 60. Mongolia |
| 18. Costa Rica | 61. Morocco |
| 19. Côte d'Ivoire | 62. Namibia |
| 20. Cuba | 63. Nepal |
| 21. Czechia | 64. Netherlands (Kingdom of the) |
| 22. Denmark | 65. Niger |
| 23. Dominican Republic | 66. Nigeria |
| 24. Ecuador | 67. Norway |
| 25. Equatorial Guinea | 68. Pakistan |
| 26. Estonia | 69. Palau |
| 27. Eswatini | 70. Panama |
| 28. European Union | 71. Peru |
| 29. Fiji | 72. Philippines |
| 30. Finland | 73. Portugal |
| 31. France | 74. Republic of Korea |
| 32. Gabon | 75. Republic of Moldova |
| 33. Germany | 76. Romania |
| 34. Ghana | 77. Rwanda |
| 35. Greece | 78. Saint Kitts and Nevis |
| 36. Guatemala | 79. Saint Lucia |
| 37. Hungary | 80. Samoa |
| 38. India | 81. Sao Tome and Principe |
| 39. Indonesia | 82. Saudi Arabia |
| 40. Ireland | 83. Senegal |
| 41. Japan | 84. Serbia |
| 42. Jordan | 85. Seychelles |
| 43. Kenya | 86. Slovakia |
| 44. Kiribati | 87. South Africa |
| 45. Kyrgyzstan | 88. Spain |
| 46. Lesotho | 89. Sweden |
| 47. Liberia | 90. Switzerland |
| 48. Luxembourg | 91. Togo |
| 49. Madagascar | 92. Uganda |
| 50. Malawi | 93. Ukraine |
| 51. Malaysia | 94. United Arab Emirates |
| 52. Maldives | 95. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| 53. Mali | 96. Uruguay |
| 54. Malta | 97. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) |
| 55. Marshall Islands | 98. Viet Nam |
| 56. Mauritania | 99. Zambia |
| 57. Mauritius | |