REPORT ON CREDENTIALS

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which also apply, mutatis mutandis, to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting 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, provide the following in rule 18:

   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 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 was sent to all Parties on 31 July 2023, 14 September 2023 and 3 October 2023, respectively, reminding them of the requirements to submit credentials or confirm whether the credentials submitted for the second part of the meetings, held in December 2022, remained valid.

4. The present document on the status of credentials is prepared and submitted, for information, to the resumed second parts of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and
the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, in accordance of the rules and the notifications referred to above.


5. The total number of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity currently stands at 196. At the time of reporting, 143 Parties had their representatives registered and attending the resumed second part of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

6. As at 19 October 2023 (2 p.m.), 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 133 Parties participating in the resumed second part of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

1. Algeria
2. Angola
3. Antigua and Barbuda
4. Argentina
5. Armenia
6. Australia
7. Austria
8. Azerbaijan
9. Bangladesh
10. Barbados
11. Belarus
12. Belgium
13. Benin
14. Bhutan
15. Bosnia and Herzegovina
16. Brazil
17. Bulgaria
18. Burkina Faso
19. Burundi
20. Cabo Verde
21. Cambodia
22. Cameroon
23. Canada
24. Central African Republic
25. Chile
26. China
27. Colombia
28. Cook Islands
29. Costa Rica
30. Croatia
31. Cuba
32. Czechia
33. Côte d’Ivoire
34. Democratic Republic of the Congo
35. Denmark
36. Djibouti
37. Dominican Republic
38. Egypt
39. Eritrea
40. Estonia
41. Eswatini
42. European Union
43. Fiji
44. Finland
45. France
46. Gabon
47. Gambia
48. Georgia
49. Gambia
50. Germany
51. Ghana
52. Greece
53. Grenada
54. Guatemala
55. Hungary
56. Iceland
57. India
58. Indonesia
59. Ireland
60. Italy
61. Jamaica
62. Japan
63. Jordan
64. Kenya
65. Kiribati
66. Kuwait
67. Latvia
68. Lesotho

7. The total number of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol currently stands at 173. At the time of reporting, 129 Parties had their representatives registered and attending the resumed second part of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

8. As at 19 October 2023 (2 p.m.), 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 122 Parties participating in the resumed second part of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol:

69. Liberia  
70. Lithuania  
71. Luxembourg  
72. Madagascar  
73. Malawi  
74. Malaysia  
75. Maldives  
76. Mali  
77. Mauritius  
78. Mexico  
79. Montenegro  
80. Morocco  
81. Mozambique  
82. Namibia  
83. Netherlands (Kingdom of the)  
84. New Zealand  
85. Nicaragua  
86. Nigeria  
87. Norway  
88. Oman  
89. Pakistan  
90. Peru  
91. Philippines  
92. Portugal  
93. Qatar  
94. Republic of Korea  
95. Republic of Moldova  
96. Romania  
97. Russian Federation  
98. Saint Kitts and Nevis  
99. Saint Lucia  
100. Saudi Arabia  
101. Senegal  
102. Seychelles  
103. Sierra Leone  
104. Singapore  
105. Slovakia  
106. Slovenia  
107. South Africa  
108. South Sudan  
109. Spain  
110. Sri Lanka  
111. State of Palestine  
112. Sudan  
113. Sweden  
114. Switzerland  
115. Syrian Arab Republic  
116. Tajikistan  
117. Thailand  
118. Togo  
119. Tonga  
120. Trinidad and Tobago  
121. Tunisia  
122. Türkiye  
123. Tuvalu  
124. Uganda  
125. Ukraine  
126. United Arab Emirates  
127. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
128. Uruguay  
129. Vanuatu  
130. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)  
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117. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
118. Uruguay
119. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
120. Yemen
121. Zambia
122. Zimbabwe


9. The total number of Parties to the Nagoya Protocol currently stands at 173. At the time of reporting, 108 Parties had their representatives registered and attending the resumed second part of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

10. As at 19 October 2023 (2 p.m.), 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 104 Parties participating in the resumed second part of the fourth meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol:

1. Angola
2. Antigua and Barbuda
3. Argentina
4. Austria
5. Bangladesh
6. Belarus
7. Belgium
8. Benin
9. Bhutan
10. Brazil
11. Bulgaria
12. Burkina Faso
13. Burundi
14. Cambodia
15. Cameroon
16. Central African Republic
17. China
18. Croatia
19. Cuba
20. Czechia
21. Côte d’Ivoire
22. Democratic Republic of the Congo
23. Denmark
24. Djibouti
25. Dominican Republic
26. Egypt
27. Eritrea
28. Estonia
29. Eswatini
30. European Union
31. Fiji
32. Finland
33. France
34. Gabon
35. Gambia
36. Germany
37. Ghana
38. Greece
39. Guatemala
40. Guinea-Bissau
41. Hungary
42. India
43. Indonesia
44. Japan
45. Jordan
46. Kenya
47. Kiribati
48. Kuwait
49. Lesotho
50. Liberia
51. Luxembourg
52. Madagascar
53. Malawi
54. Malaysia
55. Maldives
56. Mali
57. Mauritius
58. Mexico
59. Montenegro
60. Morocco
61. Mozambique
62. Namibia
63. Netherlands (Kingdom of the)
64. Nicaragua
65. Nigeria
66. Norway
67. Oman
68. Pakistan
69. Peru
70. Philippines
71. Portugal
72. Qatar
73. Republic of Korea
74. Republic of Moldova
75. Romania
76. Rwanda
77. Saint Kitts and Nevis
78. Saint Lucia
79. Sao Tome and Principe
80. Saudi Arabia
81. Senegal
82. Seychelles
83. Sierra Leone
84. Slovakia
85. South Africa
86. Spain
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97. Ukraine
98. United Arab Emirates
99. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
100. Uruguay
101. Vanuatu
102. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
103. Zambia
104. Zimbabwe