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Report of the Credentials Committee

1. At its 270th plenary meeting, on 20 April 2008, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development appointed a Credentials Committee. The membership of the Committee was as follows: Angola, China, Chile, Namibia, Russian Federation, Singapore, Switzerland, Suriname and the United States of America.

2. The Committee met on 23 April 2008.

3. Mr. Tan York Chor (Singapore) chaired the meeting.

4. The UNCTAD secretariat informed the Committee of the status of credentials of representatives as at 22 April 2008. Credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs had been submitted by 110 States. The appointment of the representatives of 36 States had been communicated to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD by means of a letter, note verbale or facsimile from the Permanent Mission in Geneva or New York, or the Embassy in Accra.

5. The Chair proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of the member States referred to in paragraph 4. In connection with the credentials which had not yet been submitted in due form, the Chair proposed that the Committee accept the assurances given by the representatives concerned, on the understanding that their credentials, in conformity with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, would be submitted promptly to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD. There was no objection to that proposal.

6. The Chair then proposed that the Committee recommend to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution.

Credentials of representatives to the twelfth session of the Conference

1. The Committee endorsed the following proposal without a vote:

   The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development approves the report of the Credentials Committee.