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REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- 1. At its first plenary meeting held on 1 March 1999, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee of nine members. Its composition was based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-third session, which consisted of the following member States: China; Fiji; Jamaica; Mali; New Zealand; Russian Federation; United States of America; Venezuela and Zimbabwe. Should any of the above States not be represented at the Conference, the regional group concerned would be requested to nominate a replacement. Accordingly, the Credentials Committee was composed of Australia; Benin; Brazil; China; Haiti; Mozambique; Philippines; Russian Federation; United States of America.
- 2. The Committee held its meeting on 11 March 1999 and unanimously elected Ms. Sama Payman (Australia) as Chairman.
- 3. Credentials, in conformity with rule 3 of the rules of procedure, had been received for all the representatives participating in the Conference.
- 4. The Committee found these credentials to be in due and proper form and recommends that they be accepted.
