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Geneva, May 11 to June 2, 2000

SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

prepared by the Secretariat

1. The Credentials Committee (“the Committee”), established on May 11, 2000, by the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of the Patent Law Treaty, met for the second time on May 25, 2000.
2. The delegations of the following States, elected members of the Committee by the Diplomatic Conference, attended the meeting: France, Madagascar, Peru, Portugal, Slovakia, Uganda and United Kingdom.
3. The President of the Committee, elected by the Diplomatic Conference, was Ms. Joyce C. Banya (Uganda). The Vice-Presidents, elected by the Diplomatic Conference, were Ms. Michèle Weil-Guthmann (France) and Ms. Betty Berendson (Peru).
4. In accordance with Rule 9(1) of the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Conference on May 11, 2000 (document PT/DC/13; “the Rules of Procedure”), the Committee examined the credentials and full powers received since its first meeting on May 16, 2000.

5. The Committee found in order the following further communications:

(a) as far as *Ordinary Member Delegations* are concerned,

(i) the *credentials* and *full powers* (that is, credentials for participating in the Conference and signing the Final Act of the Conference, and full powers to sign the Patent Law Treaty to be adopted by the Diplomatic Conference) of the delegations of the following 12 States:

Croatia	Portugal
Denmark	Senegal
Gambia	Spain
Lebanon	Swaziland
Luxembourg	Switzerland
Malawi	United States of America

(ii) the *credentials* without full powers (that is, credentials for participating in the Conference and signing the Final Act of the Conference) of the delegations of the following seven States:

Cambodia	Democratic Republic
Cameroon	of the Congo
Congo	South Africa
Côte d'Ivoire	Trinidad and Tobago

(b) as far as *Observer Organizations* are concerned, the *letters* or *documents of appointment* of representatives of the following Observer Organization:

non-governmental organization: American Bar Association (ABA) (1).

6. The Committee recommends to the Conference, meeting in Plenary, to accept the credentials and full powers of the delegations mentioned in paragraph 5(a)(i), above, the credentials of the delegations mentioned in paragraph 5(a)(ii), above, and the letters or documents of appointment of the representatives of the organization mentioned in paragraph 5(b), above.

7. The Committee re-expressed the wish that the Secretariat should bring Rules 6 (“Credentials and Full Powers”), 7 (“Letters of Appointment”), 8 (“Presentation of Credentials, etc.”) and 10 (“Provisional Participation”) of the Rules of Procedure to the attention of Member Delegations or Observer Delegations not having presented credentials or full powers and of the representatives of Observer Organizations not having presented letters or other documents of appointment.

8. The Committee decided that a report on its meeting should be prepared by the Secretariat and issued as its report, to be presented by the President of the Committee to the Conference, meeting in Plenary.

9. The Committee authorized its President to examine any further communications concerning Ordinary Member Delegations, Special Member Delegations, Observer Delegations, or Observer Organizations which might be received by the Secretariat after the close of its meeting and to report thereon to the Conference, meeting in Plenary, unless the President deemed it necessary to convene the Committee to examine and report on those communications.

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