CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Report of the Credentials Committee

1. A Credentials Committee was established at the opening of the Conference in accordance with rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure. It was composed of representatives of the following States:

   ECUADOR
   INDONESIA
   LIBERIA
   NETHERLANDS
   TURKEY

2. The Committee met at 2.30 p.m. on 23 October 2002. The following representatives participated:

   ECUADOR  -  Captain J.E. Vega Romero
   INDONESIA -  Mr. Y. Gunadi
   LIBERIA   -  Mrs. A. Taylor
   NETHERLANDS -  Mr. J. E. De Boer
   TURKEY   -  Mr. F. Hakanudun

   Captain J.E. Vega Romero (Ecuador) was unanimously elected Chairman.

3. The credentials of delegations of the following 71 States, issued in accordance with rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure, were examined by the Committee:

   ALGERIA          BURKINO FASO
   ANGOLA           CANADA
   ARGENTINA        CHILE
   AUSTRALIA        CHINA
   BAHAMAS          COLOMBIA
   BANGLADESH       COTE D'IVOIRE
   BELGIUM          CROATIA
   BOLIVIA          CUBA
   BRAZIL           CYPRUS

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The Committee approved the credentials of all the above delegations, with the exception of those referred to in paragraph 5 below.

The Committee provisionally accepted credentials in the form of a Verbal Note or photocopy in respect of the delegations of Saudi Arabia and Tunisia, pending receipt of the originals.

The Committee noted that a delegation from the CZECH REPUBLIC attended the Conference as an observer.

A communication accrediting observers in respect of HONG KONG, CHINA, an Associate Member of the Organization, was received and found to be in due and proper form.

The Credentials Committee presents this report to the Conference in accordance with rule 4 of the Conference Rules of Procedure.