

Fourteenth session of the Assembly
Abu Dhabi, 15 January 2024

Report of the Credentials Committee

1. In view of the fourteenth session of the Assembly being held in two parts, with Part I taking place in a virtual format, on 15 January 2024 from 3:00 pm through 6:00 pm GST, the Secretariat, in consultation with the President of the Assembly, agreed to arrangements aimed at facilitating the examination of the credentials of representatives of Members and the consideration and approval by the Assembly of the report of the Credentials Committee.
2. The Secretariat invited IRENA Members to submit, by 5 January 2024, expressions of interest to serve as a member of the Credentials Committee. The following Members, which had communicated their interest to the Secretariat, were designated by the President to serve on the Credentials Committee pending their appointment by the Assembly on the proposal of the President in accordance with Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly: Bangladesh; Cuba; Cyprus; Germany; Guatemala; Kenya; Spain; Uganda; and the United Arab Emirates.
3. At the request of the President, the designated members of the Committee met virtually, on an exceptional basis, pending their appointment by the Assembly, and elected Ms Ailyn Martínez Sarduy, the representative of Cuba, as Chairperson.
4. The designated members of the Committee examined the credentials submitted to the Secretariat in accordance with Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly in respect of the representatives registered to participate in the fourteenth session of the Assembly, based on information provided by the Secretariat on the status of the credentials received as of 15 January 2024 at 9 am GST.
5. The Committee determined that, as of 15 January 2024, at 9 am GST, the 97 Members listed below had submitted credentials in the form required by Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, or were represented by the competent authority and, therefore, deemed to conform to the credentials requirement:

Algeria; Angola; Armenia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Belarus; Belgium; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Canada; China; Costa Rica; Cuba; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; El Salvador; Eswatini; European Union; Finland; Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Greece; Guatemala; Hungary; Iceland; India; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Japan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Latvia; Luxembourg; Malaysia; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Mongolia; Montenegro; Mozambique; Nauru; Nepal; Netherlands (Kingdom of the); New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Norway; Pakistan; Palau; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Rwanda; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; San Marino; Senegal; Singapore; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; South Africa; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Sweden; Switzerland; Tajikistan;

Tonga; Türkiye; Tuvalu; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Uruguay; Yemen; and Zimbabwe.

6. The Committee noted that 3 Members had not submitted credentials in the proper form and recommends that the Assembly accepts the credentials of the representatives of these Members on the understanding that an electronic copy of their credentials in the proper form will be submitted to the IRENA Secretariat as soon as possible.

7. The Committee noted that 41 registered Members had not submitted any credentials. The Committee recommends that the representatives of these Members attending the Assembly be permitted to participate provisionally in the fourteenth session of the Assembly on the condition that an electronic copy of their credentials will be submitted to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

8. The Committee will continue its work in preparation for Part II of the fourteenth session of the Assembly, to be held from 16 to 18 April 2024, and will update this report to reflect the status of credentials submitted at the resumption of the Assembly session.

9. The Committee recommends that the Assembly call upon all Members to submit to the Secretariat the credentials of their representatives, if possible, not less than seven days in advance of the relevant session of the Assembly as provided in Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, but in no event later than the opening of the session.

9. The Committee recommends that the Assembly requests the Secretariat to issue to all IRENA Members, at least three months before each session of the Assembly and as may be needed thereafter, a reminder about the requirement to submit the credentials of their representatives in accordance with Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, and no later than the opening of the session.