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**Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
Report of the Credentials Committee**

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Chair: Ms. Veronica Chidothe (Malawi)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development provides that:

“A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its seventy-first session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.”
2. Three of the members of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session were not available to serve on the Credentials Committee of the Conference. Therefore, in line with past practice, the President of the Conference, at the 2nd plenary meeting of the Conference, held on 17 October 2016, proposed to the Conference that three States, namely Austria, Mexico and South Africa, from the same regional groups as the members who were not available be appointed to the three vacant seats.
3. At the same meeting, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States: Austria, China, Malawi, Mexico, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, South Africa and the United States of America.
4. The Credentials Committee held one meeting on 19 October 2016.
5. The Committee unanimously elected the representative of Malawi, Ms. Veronica Chidothe, as its Chair.
6. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the secretariat of the Conference dated 18 October 2016 concerning the credentials of representatives of States and the European Union to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development. A representative of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made a statement relating to the memorandum by the secretariat of the Conference.
7. As is noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference in the form required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference had been submitted to the secretariat of the Conference, as at the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by the European Union and the following 46 States: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, El Salvador, France, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Latvia,

Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritania, Myanmar, Namibia, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Swaziland, Switzerland, Turkey, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. As is indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives of States to the Conference had been communicated to the secretariat of the Conference, as at the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the ministry, embassy or mission concerned, by the following 100 States: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen.

9. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, the secretariat of the Conference had not received formal credentials or the information mentioned in paragraph 2 of the memorandum from the following 51 States invited to participate in the Conference: Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Congo, Cook Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Grenada, Guyana, Iceland, Ireland, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Liechtenstein, Marshall Islands, Mali, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Panama, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Somalia, Suriname, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

10. The Chair recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all States and the European Union listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above-mentioned memorandum, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 8 of the present report as well as States referred to in paragraph 9, where applicable, would be communicated to the secretariat of the Conference as soon as possible.

11. The Chair proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the States and of the European Union referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the secretariat."

12. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair was adopted without a vote.

13. The Chair then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Credentials of representatives to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development" (see para. 15). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

14. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

15. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

“Credentials of representatives to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development

“The United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development,

“Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

“Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.”
