



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIR LAW

(Montréal, 20 April to 2 May 2009)

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Presented by the Chairman of the Credentials Committee)

1. At its first meeting held on 20 April 2009, the Conference established a Credentials Committee and the Delegations of Brazil, the Czech Republic, Ghana, Lebanon and the Republic of Korea were invited to nominate members for this Committee.

2. On 22 April 2009, the first meeting of the Credentials Committee was held; the Committee was composed as follows:

Mr. Maximiliano Arienzo	(Brazil)
Mr. Tomáš Vokatý	(Czech Republic)
Mrs. Joyce Thompson	(Ghana)
Mr. Souleiman Eid	(Lebanon)
Mr. Sung-won Kim	(Republic of Korea)

On a proposal made by Brazil and seconded by Ghana, the Delegate of Lebanon, Mr. Souleiman Eid, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

3. On 23 April 2009, the Chairman of the Credentials Committee presented a preliminary report and informed the Conference that as of 0900 hours on 23 April 2009, 87 States and 16 international organizations had registered for the Conference. Credentials in due and proper form had been submitted by 50 States and 11 international organizations. Full powers had been submitted by 18 States.

4. The Committee recommended to the Conference, in conformity with Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure, that all the delegations registered be permitted to participate in the Conference pending receipt of their credentials in due and proper form; the Conference accepted this recommendation.

5. The Committee met on 29 and 30 April 2009 and examined the credentials received up to 1800 hours on 30 April 2009.

5.1 The credentials of the following delegations of 77 States were found to be in due and proper form:

Argentina	Nepal
Australia	Netherlands
Austria	Nicaragua
Bahrain	Nigeria
Belgium	Norway
Botswana	Oman
Brazil	Panama
Cameroon	Paraguay
Canada	Peru
Chile	Philippines
China	Poland
Colombia	Portugal
Congo	Qatar
Costa Rica	Republic of Korea
Côte d'Ivoire	Romania
Cuba	Russian Federation
Czech Republic	Saudi Arabia
Dominican Republic	Serbia
Ecuador	Singapore
Egypt	Slovakia
El Salvador	Slovenia
Ethiopia	South Africa
Finland	Spain
France	Sudan
Germany	Sweden
Ghana	Switzerland
Greece	Thailand
Guatemala	Tunisia
Honduras	Turkey
India	Uganda
Indonesia	Ukraine
Italy	United Arab Emirates
Japan	United Kingdom
Kenya	United Republic of Tanzania
Kuwait	United States
Lebanon	Uruguay
Malaysia	Venezuela
Mali	Zambia
Namibia	

5.2 Furthermore, the following 16 observer delegations presented credentials in due and proper form:

African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)
Air Crash Victims Families Group (ACVFG)
Airports Council International (ACI)
Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC)
Aviation Working Group (AWG)
Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO)
Communauté Economique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC)

European Community (EC)
European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (EUROCONTROL)
International Air Transport Association (IATA)
International Law Association (ILA)
International Union of Aerospace Insurers (IUAI)
Interstate Aviation Committee (IAC)
Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC)
London and International Insurance Brokers' Association (LIIBA)
McGill University Institute of Air and Space Law (IASL)

6. The Credentials Committee took note that as of 30 April 2009, delegations of 27 States had deposited their full powers to sign the Conventions adopted by the Conference, which were found to be in due and proper form:

Bahrain	Panama
Brazil	Republic of Korea
Chile	Serbia
Congo	Singapore
Côte d'Ivoire	Slovenia
Dominican Republic	Spain
Ecuador	Sudan
Ghana	Switzerland*
Italy	Tunisia
Lebanon	Uganda
Malaysia	United Kingdom
Namibia	Uruguay
Nepal	Zambia
Nicaragua	

*Note: Only for the Convention on Compensation for Damage to Third Parties, Resulting from Acts of Unlawful Interference Involving Aircraft.

7. The Committee noted that the credentials of 3 other delegations were not submitted in the original. The Committee considered that Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference required that credentials be submitted in the original, as this was explicitly stated in the invitation and reiterated during the deliberations of the Conference. Accordingly, it is recommended that only credentials or full powers made available in the original and in due and proper form by 1700 hours on Friday, 1 May 2009, be accepted.

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