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REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE TO THE CONFERENCE

(presented by the Chairman of the Credentials Committee)

1. At its second meeting, held on 27 February 2012, the Conference established a Credentials Committee, with the delegations of Burkina Faso, France, Germany, Japan and the Russian Federation being invited to nominate members of this Committee.
2. On 28 February 2012, the first meeting of the Credentials Committee was held, with the Committee being composed as follows

Mr Eric Zougrana	(Burkina Faso)
Mr François Pellerin	(France)
Mr Götz Schmidt-Bremme	(Germany)
Mr Tabahiro Watanabe	(Japan)
Ms Alexandra Kotsyubinskaya	(Russian Federation)
3. On a proposal moved by France, the delegate of Burkina Faso, Mr Zougrana, was elected Chairman of the Committee.
4. The Credentials Committee met five times: twice on 28 February, then on 2, 7 and 9 March 2012.
5. At the fourth meeting of the Conference, held on 2 March 2012, the Chairman of the Credentials Committee presented a preliminary report, informing the Conference that as of 9.45 a.m. on 2 March 2012, 38 States, one Regional Economic Integration Organisation, four intergovernmental Organisations, four international non-governmental Organisations and 13 technical advisers had registered for the Conference. Credentials in due and proper form had been submitted by 26 States, one Regional Economic Integration Organisation, two intergovernmental Organisations, two international non-governmental Organisations and the 13 technical advisers. Seven States had at that time submitted Full Powers.

6. The Committee recommended to the Conference that, in conformity with Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure, all delegations registered be permitted to participate in the Conference pending receipt of their credentials in due and proper form; the Conference accepted this recommendation. The nevertheless urged those delegations not having submitted credentials to do so as soon as possible

7. The Committee noted that it was possible that other delegations might be submitting credentials and Full Powers by the time of the signing of the Final Act of the Conference on 9 March 2012; and, with a view to ensuring that as many States as possible could sign the Final Act, recommended, and the Conference endorsed, that credentials and Full Powers of such other delegations still be able to be examined up to 9 a.m. on that date.

8. The Credentials Committee held its fourth meeting on 7 March 2012. In the absence of Mr Pellerin, the meeting was attended for France by Mr Philippe Clerc. At this meeting the Credentials Committee found that two further States had registered for the Conference since its previous meeting and that, in addition to the credentials that had been found to be in due and proper form on that occasion, five further States and one further intergovernmental Organisation had submitted credentials in due and proper form and one State had submitted Full Powers.

9. The Credentials Committee held its fifth meeting on 9 March 2012. In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by Mr Schmidt-Bremme. At this meeting the Credentials Committee found that, in total, 40 States, one Regional Economic Integration Organisation, four intergovernmental Organisations, five international non-governmental Organisations and 13 technical advisers had registered for the Conference. The credentials of the delegations of the following 34 States were found to be in due and proper form:

Brazil	Mexico
Burkina Faso	Nigeria
Canada	Pakistan
China	Republic of Korea
Czech Republic	Russian Federation
Denmark	Saudi Arabia
France	Senegal
Germany	Slovenia
Ghana	Spain
India	South Africa
Indonesia	Sudan
Iraq	Turkey
Ireland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Italy	United States of America
Japan	Yemen
Latvia	Zimbabwe
Luxembourg	
Madagascar	

10. The credentials of the delegation of one regional economic integration Organisation were found to be in due and proper form, i.e. the European Union.

11. The following six States participated as observers:

Albania	Malawi
Colombia	Moldova
Iran	Portugal

12. It was noted that the following four intergovernmental Organisations were represented by observers:

European Space Agency (ESA)
Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

13. The following five international non-governmental Organisations were represented by observers:

Aviation Working Group (AWG)
European Satellite Operators Association (ESOA)
International Bar Association (IBA)
International Institute of Space Law (IISL)
Rail Working Group (RWG)

14. The following 13 technical advisers attended the Conference:

Mr Hendrik Baumann (Munich Re Insurance Company)
Mr Marc Borello (Thales Alenia Space)
Mr Rob Cowan (Aviareto Limited)
Mr Sylvain Devouge (Marsh S.A.)
Ms Claude Dubreuil (Astrium)
Ms Nancy J. Eskenazi (SES S.A.)
Mr Oliver Heinrich (BHO Legal)
Ms Martine Leimbach
Mr Marc Lemaire (Eutelsat Communications)
Ms Pamela Meredith (Zuckert Scoutt & Rasenberger LLP)
Ms Marion Petitjean, (Eutelsat Communications)
Mr Bernhard Schmidt-Tedd (German Space Agency)
Mr Jean-Claude Vecchiatto (EADS)

15. The Credentials Committee took note that as of 9 March 2012 the delegations of nine States had deposited Full Powers to sign the Protocol:

Burkina Faso	Saudi Arabia
Denmark	Senegal
Ghana	Spain
Italy	Zimbabwe
Luxembourg	

16. These Full Powers were found to be in due and proper form.