

**CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONVENTION ON
THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL**

Vienna, 28 March to 1 April 2022

Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the Bureau of the Conference

1. On 28 March 2022, the Bureau met to consider the report of the Secretary General of the Conference on the credentials of delegates to the Conference as provided for in Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure.
2. Pursuant to Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the credentials of each delegate and the names of the persons constituting the Party's delegation shall be submitted to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) if possible not less than seven days in advance of the Conference. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State concerned, or in the case of an international organization or a regional organization of an integration or other nature, which is a Party, by the competent authority of that organization.
3. The Secretary General reported that he has received credentials in the form required by Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure from 59 Parties.
4. Various official communications, which do not constitute formal credentials under Rule 2, have also been received by the Secretariat. These are copies of original credentials issued by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs or the Permanent or Resident Representatives as well as communications in the form of notes, letters, e-mails or telefax copies emanating from Permanent Missions or other authorities. The total of such provisional credentials is for the delegates of 47 Parties.
5. On 17 March 2022, the Secretary General received original credentials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar designating H.E. Mr Min Thein, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Vienna, as the Head of Delegation, as well as Ms Nyein Nyein Myint, Minister Counsellor, and Ms Myat Myintzu Pyone, Second Secretary, from the Permanent Mission. On 25 March 2022, the Secretary General also received a copy of credentials from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations in New York, signed by HE Ms. Zin Mar Aung, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the National Unity Government of Myanmar, indicating that HE Mr. Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the

Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations in New York, will participate in the Conference.

6. Regarding the dual credentials received from Myanmar, reference is made to IAEA General Conference Resolution GC(65)/RES/16 and the report of the General Committee GC(65)/29. Following the practice of the United Nations General Assembly and the decisions of several other United Nations organizations, the General Conference decided not to accredit any delegate from Myanmar at that stage and to defer a decision on the credentials of Myanmar, pending guidance from the United Nations General Assembly, and thereby leaving the seat empty. The same approach was adopted by the Organizational Meeting for the Joint Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Nuclear Safety in October 2021, and by a vast majority of organizations across the United Nations system. On 6 December 2021, the United Nations General Assembly, by resolution 76/15, approved the report of its Credentials Committee in which the Committee decided to defer the decision on the credentials of Myanmar. Following the General Assembly resolution, the International Maritime Organization, the World Tourism Organization and the International Labour Organization decided not to accredit any delegate from Myanmar. Pending further guidance by the United Nations General Assembly, it was therefore recommended that the Parties to the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material adopt the same approach as for the IAEA General Conference.
7. No communications have been so far received from 23 Parties.
8. The Bureau considered and accepted the report of the Secretary General. On the proposal of the Co-Presidents, the Bureau decided to recommend that the Conference approve the credentials submitted for delegates and also approve that delegations for whom original credentials have not yet been received, be entitled to continue to participate provisionally in the Conference, on the understanding that credentials in due form would be submitted as soon as possible. Further, the Bureau decided to recommend that in view of the dual credentials received for Myanmar, and the pending consideration by the United Nations General Assembly, the seat of Myanmar remain empty for the Conference.