



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974  
Credentials Committee

## IMCO

### REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. A Credentials Committee consisting of representatives of Japan, Mexico, Poland, Switzerland and the United Republic of Tanzania was appointed by the Conference and in conformity with Rule 3 of the Conference Rules of Procedure met for the first time on 22 October 1974, and subsequently on 24 October 1974.

2. The Committee elected Mr. A. Rozental (Mexico) as its Chairman. The following representatives also took part in its deliberations:

Mr. Y. Miyamoto	-	Japan
Mr. J. Gorny	-	Poland
Mr. R. Serex	-	Switzerland
Mr. S. Ihema	-	United Republic of Tanzania.

3. Credentials of the representatives, alternates, if any, and technical and other advisers comprising the delegations of the following States and issued in accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure, by the Head of State, Head of Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by an appropriate authority properly designated by one of them to act for this purpose were examined and approved by the Committee:

Algeria	Japan
Argentina	Kuwait
Australia	Liboria
Belgium	Libyan Arab Republic
Brazil	Madagascar
Bulgaria	Mexico
Burma	Monaco
Byelorussian SSR	Netherlands
Canada	New Zealand
Chile	Nigeria
China	Norway
Congo	Pakistan
Cuba	Panama
Cyprus	Peru
Czechoslovakia	Poland
Democratic Yemen	Portugal
Denmark	Republic of Korea
Egypt	Republic of Viet-Nam
Finland	Senegal
France	Singapore
Gabon	Spain
German Democratic Republic	Sri Lanka
Germany, Federal Republic of	Sweden
Ghana	Switzerland
Greece	Turkey
Hungary	Ukrainian SSR
Iceland	USSR
India	United Kingdom
Indonesia	United Republic of Tanzania
Iran	USA
Ireland	Uruguay
Israel	Venezuela
Italy	Yugoslavia
Jamaica	

4. The member of the Committee representing Poland declared that his delegation does not recognize the credentials of the delegation of South Viet-Nam on the grounds that the Saigon authorities cannot represent South Viet-Nam as a whole, since as it has been recognized by the 1973 Paris Agreements on Viet-Nam that there exist two zones and two administrations in South Viet-Nam.
  5. The member of the Committee representing the United Republic of Tanzania associated his Government with the statement of the delegate of Poland in so far as the credentials purported to accredit the sole representatives of South Viet-Nam.
  6. A document in good order was presented by Austria accrediting an Observer to the Conference.
  7. A document was presented in respect of Observers from Hong Kong and was examined and approved by the Committee in conformity with the established practice of Conferences convened by the Organization, it being noted however that Resolution A.304(VIII) by which the IMCO Assembly convened the Conference, and the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Conference, did not refer to the representation of entities other than States or Intergovernmental bodies. The Committee considered that this might be regarded as a lacuna if it were intended that Associate Members of the Organization should be represented at plenipotentiary Conferences by delegations distinct from the States having responsibility for their international relations.
  8. Full Powers for signature of a Convention, contained in credentials or in separate documents submitted in respect of 25 delegations were also examined and found to be in good order and the Committee decided to report to the Conference at a later date in respect of additional Full Powers received by 31 October 1974.
  9. The Credentials Committee submits this Report in accordance with Rule 3, for the consideration and approval of the Conference.
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