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**INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS**

GENEVA

**DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE
ON THE REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS****Geneva, October 9 to 23, 1978**

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Reportprepared by the Secretariat

1. The Credentials Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee"), established on October 9, 1978, by the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (hereinafter referred to as "the Conference"), met twice, on October 9, 1978, and October 19, 1978.

Composition

2. The Delegations of the following States members of the Committee attended both meetings: France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Italy, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

Opening of the Meetings

3. The President of the Conference, Mr. H. Skov, opened the first meeting, at which the officers were elected. The Chairman of the Committee opened and presided at the second meeting.

Officers

4. The Committee unanimously elected Dr. H. Graeve (Federal Republic of Germany) as Chairman and Mr. D. Avram (France) and Mr. A. Parry (United Kingdom) as Vice-Chairmen.

Examination of Credentials, etc.

5. In accordance with Rule 9(1) of the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Conference on October 9, 1978 (hereinafter referred to as "the Rules of Procedure"), the Committee examined at its second meeting the credentials, full powers, letters or other documents presented for the purposes of Rules 6 and 7 by the Delegations of the member States of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) (hereinafter referred to as "the Member Delegations"), the Delegations of States other than the member States of UPOV participating in the

Conference in accordance with Rule 2(1)(ii) of the Rules of Procedure (hereinafter referred to as "Observer Delegations"), and the representatives of intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations participating in the Conference in accordance with Rule 2(1)(iii) of the Rules of Procedure (hereinafter referred to as "Observer Organizations").

Delegations

6. The Committee found that the credentials and full powers presented by the Member Delegations of Denmark, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Netherlands, South Africa, Switzerland and the United Kingdom and by the Observer Delegations of Spain and the United States of America were in due form in accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure.

7. (a) The Committee found that the credentials presented by the Member Delegation of Sweden and by the Observer Delegations of Finland, Hungary, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Morocco, New Zealand and Norway were in due form in accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure.

(b) The Committee noted that, in accordance with established practices, powers of representation implied, in principle, in the absence of any express reservation, the right of signature, and that it should be left to each delegation to interpret the scope of its credentials.

8. The Committee noted that communications had been received from the Permanent Representatives in Geneva of Belgium and Italy informing the Secretariat that the credentials and full powers of the Delegations of those States had been sent by their Governments and that they should arrive before the close of the Conference.

Observer Organizations

9. The Committee found that the letters or documents of appointment presented by the representatives of the following Observer Organizations were in due form in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure: United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), European Economic Community (EEC), International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH), International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI), International Association of Plant Breeders for the Protection of Plant Varieties (ASSINSEL), International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamentals (CIOPORA), International Federation of the Seed Trade (FIS), International Commission for the Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants of the International Union for Biological Sciences.

Further Procedure

10. The Committee expressed the wish that the Secretariat should bring Rules 6 ("Credentials and Full Powers") and 10 ("Provisional Participation") of the Rules of Procedure to the attention of delegations not having presented credentials.

Report

11. The Committee authorized the Secretariat to prepare the report of the Committee for submission to the Conference, and authorized the Chairman to examine and to report to the Conference upon any further credentials and full powers which might be presented by delegations after the close of its meeting.