

Diplomatic Conference to Conclude and Adopt a Design Law Treaty (DLT)

Riyadh, November 11 to 22, 2024

FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

prepared by the Secretariat

1. The Credentials Committee (Committee), which was established on November 11, 2024 by the Diplomatic Conference to Conclude and Adopt a Design Law Treaty (DLT), held its first meeting on November 13, 2024.
2. The Delegations of the following States were elected members of the Committee by the Diplomatic Conference: China, Colombia, Ghana, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya and Latvia
3. Ms. Eunice Njuguna (Kenya), who was elected President of the Committee by the Diplomatic Conference, presided over the meeting. The Vice-Presidents, elected by the Diplomatic Conference, were Mr. Yao Yue (China) and Mr. Eriks Rekis (Latvia).
4. In accordance with Rule 9(1) of the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Conference on November 11, 2024 (document DLT/DC/2), the Committee examined the credentials, full powers, letters or other documents of appointment presented for the purposes of Rules 6 and 7 by Delegations of States members of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), participating in the Conference in accordance with Rule 2(1)(i) of the Rules of Procedure (Member Delegations); by the Delegations of the African Intellectual Property Organization, the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization, the Benelux Organization for Intellectual Property, the Eurasian Patent Organization and the European Union participating in the Conference in accordance with Rule 2(1)(ii) of the Rules of Procedure (Special Delegation); as well as by the representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, participating in the Conference in accordance with Rule 2(1)(iv) of the Rules of Procedure (Observers).
5. On the basis of the information provided by the Secretariat as to the practice prevailing, in particular, in diplomatic conferences convened by WIPO, as well as in other diplomatic

conferences, the Committee decided to recommend to the Conference, meeting in Plenary, that the following criteria should be applied by the Committee in its examination of, and should govern the decision of the Conference on, the credentials, full powers, letters or other documents presented for the purposes of Rules 6 and 7 of the Rules of Procedure:

- (i) as far as any State is concerned, its Delegation's credentials and full powers should be accepted if they were signed by that State's Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs; credentials, but not full powers, should be accepted if they were contained in a *note verbale* or letter of that State's Permanent Representative in Geneva or in a *note verbale* of that State's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, its Permanent Mission in Geneva or Embassy in Saudi Arabia and should not otherwise be accepted; in particular, a communication emanating from a Minister other than the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should not be treated as credentials;
- (ii) as far as any Organization is concerned, its representative's letter or other document of appointment should be accepted if it was signed by the Head (Director General, Secretary General or President) or Deputy Head or official responsible for external affairs of the Organization;
- (iii) electronic communications or hard copies of originals should be accepted if, as to their source, the requirements stated in points (i) and (ii) were fulfilled.

6. Pending a final decision by the Conference, meeting in Plenary, on the above criteria, the Committee decided to apply those criteria to the documents it received.

7. Accordingly, the Committee found in order

- (a) as far as Member Delegations are concerned,
 - (i) the credentials and full powers (that is, credentials for participating in the Conference and for signing the final act, as well as full powers to sign the treaty to be adopted by the Diplomatic Conference) of the Delegations of the following (30) States:

Austria	Libya
Bahrain	Luxembourg
Bosnia Herzegovina	Mali
Burkina Faso	Mongolia
Central African Republic	Morocco
Congo	Mozambique
Cook Islands	North Macedonia
Costa Rica	Saint Lucia
Côte d'Ivoire	Sao Tome and Principe
Cyprus	South Africa
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Spain
Ghana	Suriname
Ireland	United Kingdom
Italy	Zimbabwe
Lao People's Democratic Republic	
Lebanon	

- (ii) the credentials (without full powers) of the Delegations of the following (128) States:

Albania	Haiti	Senegal
Algeria	Holy See	Serbia
Angola	Honduras	Seychelles
Antigua and Barbuda	Hungary	Sierra Leone
Argentina	Iceland	Singapore
Australia	India	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	Indonesia	Slovenia
Bangladesh	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Sri Lanka
Belarus	Iraq	Sudan
Belgium	Israel	Sweden
Benin	Jamaica	Switzerland
Bhutan	Japan	Syrian Arab Republic
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Jordan	Tajikistan
Botswana	Kazakhstan	Thailand
Brazil	Kenya	Timor-Leste
Brunei Darussalam	Kuwait	Trinidad and Tobago
Bulgaria	Kyrgyzstan	Tunisia
Burundi	Latvia	Türkiye
Cabo Verde	Lesotho	Turkmenistan
Cambodia	Liberia	Uganda
Cameroon	Lithuania	United Arab Emirates
Canada	Madagascar	United Republic of Tanzania
Chad	Malawi	United States of America
Chile	Malaysia	Uruguay
China	Maldives	Uzbekistan
Colombia	Mauritania	Vanuatu
Comoros	Mexico	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Croatia	Montenegro	Viet Nam
Cuba	Namibia	Yemen
Czech Republic	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	Zambia
Denmark	Niger	
Djibouti	Nigeria	
Dominican Republic	Norway	
Ecuador	Oman	
Egypt	Pakistan	
El Salvador	Paraguay	
Equatorial Guinea	Peru	
Estonia	Philippines	
Eswatini	Poland	
Ethiopia	Portugal	

Fiji	Qatar
Finland	Republic of Korea
France	Republic of Moldova
Gabon	Romania
Gambia	Russian Federation
Georgia	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Germany	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Greece	Samoa
Guatemala	Saudi Arabia

(b) as far as the Special Delegations are concerned, the credentials of the Delegation of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), the Benelux Organization for Intellectual Property (BOIP), the Eurasian Patent Organization (EPO) and the European Union (5).

(c) as far as Observer Delegations are concerned, no credentials were submitted.

(d) as far as the Observers are concerned, the letters or documents of appointment of representatives of the following Observers:

- (i) *intergovernmental organizations*: African Union (AU); Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO); League of Arab States (LAS); Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent Office); South Center (SC) (5).
- (ii) *non-governmental organizations*: American Arab Intellectual Property Association (AAIPA); American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); Committee for the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas (Incomindios); Confederation of Rightholders' Societies of Europe and Asia (CRSEA); Corporación Latinoamericana de Investigación de la Propiedad Intelectual para el Desarrollo (Corporación Innovarte); Egyptian Council for Innovation, Creativity and Protection of Information (ECCIPP); German Association for Intellectual Property Law (GRUR); Global Expert Network on Copyright User Rights (User Rights Network); Health and Environment Program (HEP); International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI); International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA); International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI); International Trademark Association (INTA); Japan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA); Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA); Japan Trademark Association (JTA); Knowledge Ecology International, Inc. (KEI); Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA); MALOCA Internationale; Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute (QMIPRI) (20).

8. The Committee recommends to the Conference, meeting in Plenary, to accept the credentials and full powers of the Delegations mentioned in paragraphs (7)(a)(i) (a) above, the credentials of the Delegations mentioned in paragraph 7(a)(ii) and 7(b) above, and the letters or documents of appointment of the representatives of the organizations mentioned in paragraph 7(d) above.

9. The Committee requested the Secretariat to bring Rules 6 (Credentials and Full Powers), 7 (Letters of Appointment) and 10 (Provisional Participation) of the Rules of Procedure to the attention of Member Delegations or Observer Delegations not having presented credentials or full powers and of the representatives of Observers not having presented letters or other documents of appointment.

10. The Committee decided that a report on its meeting would be prepared by the Secretariat and issued as its report, to be presented by the President of the Committee to the Conference, meeting in Plenary.

11. The Committee decided that it would re-convene to examine any further communications concerning Member Delegations, the Special Delegations, Observer Delegations, or Observers which might be received by the Secretariat after the close of its meeting.

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