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1. At its 296th plenary meeting, on 4 October 2021, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development appointed the Credentials Committee. The membership of the Committee was as follows: Bahamas, Bhutan, Chile, China, Namibia, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Sweden and United States of America.
2. The Credentials Committee met on 4 October 2021 and on 6 October 2021.
3. Mr. Joakim Lofvendahl (Sweden) chaired the meeting.
4. The UNCTAD secretariat informed the Committee of the status of credentials of representatives as of 6 October 2021. Credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs had been submitted by 82 States. The appointment of the representatives of 62 States had been communicated to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission in Geneva or New York or the Embassies in Paris and Brussels.
5. The Committee noted that it had received two sets of documents from two different delegations, each asserting that it represented the Government of Myanmar at the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The Committee, noting that UNCTAD is a subsidiary body of the United Nations General Assembly, decided not to take any action on these credentials pending guidance from the Credentials Committee of the United Nations General Assembly. The Committee thus did not accredit any delegate of Myanmar.
6. The Chair proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of the member States referred to in paragraph 4. In connection with the credentials that had not yet been submitted in due form, the Chair proposed that the Committee accept the assurances given by the representatives concerned, on the understanding that their credentials, in conformity with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, would be submitted promptly to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD. There was no objection to this proposal.
7. The Committee agreed, on the basis of consensus, to recommend that the Conference approve the report of the Credentials Committee.

