The Credentials Committee held three sessions, on 14, 15 and 16 June 2006, to examine the credentials of the representatives of Contracting Parties attending the first session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

The members of the Committee were members of the delegations of Canada, the Central African Republic, Denmark, Guatemala, India, Kiribati and Sudan.

They elected as Chairperson Ms Silvana Maselli de Sánchez (Guatemala).

The Credentials Committee was informed of Rule III of the General Rules of the Organization on “delegations and credentials” as well as the practice and criteria followed by the Organization with respect to the acceptance of credentials, in line with the practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the matter.

In accordance with Rule III, paragraph 2 of the General Rules of the Organization, the Committee reviewed the credentials or other documents and information received by the Director-General regarding the composition of delegations.

Consequently, the Committee established two lists:

(1) List A which includes 67 Contracting Parties which submitted their credentials in the form required by Rule III, paragraph 2 of the General Rules of the Organization;

(2) List B which includes 17 Contracting Parties whose credentials, while not submitted in due form, have been considered as information on the composition of their delegations.

The Committee recommends to the Governing Body that the credentials of the delegations on both lists be accepted, on the understanding that formal credentials of delegations referred to in list B will be communicated to the Director-General of FAO as soon as possible.
LIST A

LIST OF CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH HAVE DEPOSITED
VALID CREDENTIALS

TOTAL: 67

Angola
Australia
Austria
Benin
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Central African Republic
Chad
Congo (Republic of)
Cook Islands
Côte d’Ivoire
Cuba
Democratic Republic of Congo
Denmark
Ecuador
El Salvador
Ethiopia
European Community
France
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Guinea Bissau
Hungary
Indonesia
Ireland
Italy
Jamaica
Kenya
Kiribati
Kuwait
Laos
Lebanon
Lesotho
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Mauritania
Mauritius
Myanmar
Namibia
LIST B

LIST OF CONTRACTING PARTIES WHOSE CREDENTIALS WERE CONSIDERED AS INFORMATION ON THEIR DELEGATIONS

TOTAL: 17

Algeria
Bulgaria
Egypt
Eritrea
Finland
Germany
India
Jordan
Latvia
Liberia
Malawi
Pakistan
Poland
Samoa
Syria
Venezuela
Zambia

Netherlands
Niger
Norway
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Portugal
Romania
Saudi Arabia
Sierra Leone
Slovenia
Spain
Sudan
Sweden
Switzerland
Tanzania
Trinidad & Tobago
Tunisia
Uganda
United Kingdom
Uruguay
Yemen