Report of the Credentials Committee

of the International Conference of States for the revision of the 1983 Regional convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific

(Tokyo, Japan, 25-26 November 2011)

At its meeting, held on Friday 25 November 2011, the Conference, in accordance with Rule 7 of its rules of procedure, established a Credentials Committee, consisting of Australia, China, Holy See, Malaysia and Uzbekistan.

The Credentials Committee held its meeting at 12:30 on the same day.

The Committee elected Ms. Margaret Proctor (Australia) as its Chairperson.

The Chairperson informed the Committee of the state of the credentials received so far.

- The Committee concluded that the credentials of the following States had been issued in conformity with Rule 3 paragraph 1 and 2 of the rules of procedure, namely that the credentials had been issued by the Head of State, the Head of the Government or the Minister of Foreign Affairs to participate in the work of the Conference and with full powers to sign the Convention subject to ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. The delegations of the following States were accordingly considered to be duly accredited with full powers.

  o Armenia
  o Bangladesh
  o Cambodia
  o China
  o Holy See
  o Lao People’s Democratic Republic
  o Republic of Korea
  o Timor-Leste
  o Turkey
The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference that the above States be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference with full powers to sign the Convention.

- The Committee concluded that the credentials of the following States had been issued in conformity with Rule 3 paragraph 1 of its rules of procedure, namely that the credentials had been issued by the Head of State, the Head of the Government or the Minister of Foreign Affairs to participate in the work of the Conference.

  - Australia
  - Japan
  - Maldives
  - New Zealand
  - Uzbekistan

The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference that the above States be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference.

- The Committee concluded that the credentials of the following States had not been issued in conformity with Rule 3 paragraph 1 of its rules of procedure.

  - Indonesia
  - Iran (Islamic Republic of)
  - Philippines
  - Thailand

In accordance with Rule 4 paragraph 2, the Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference that the above States be accepted to be seated provisionally with the same rights as other delegations, subject to presenting credentials in proper form subsequently.

- The delegations present of the following States have not yet submitted credentials.

  - Bhutan
  - India
  - Kazakhstan
  - Malaysia
  - Mongolia
- The following Members States are taking part in the Conference as observers:
  - Nepal
  - Sri Lanka
  - Viet Nam

- The following international organizations are taking part in the Conference as observers:
  - Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN)
  - Asian Development Bank (ADB)
  - International Baccalaureate (IB)
  - International Federation of University Women (IFUW)
  - Organization of Economic cooperation and Development (OECD)
  - Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Secretariat (SEAMEO)