CONVENTION ON WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE ESPECIALLY AS WATERFOWL HABITAT

Third Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties 27 May to 5 June 1987 Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

Report of the Credentials Committee

- 1. The Credentials Committee elected by the Conference comprised the following members:
- Australia (Mr. Joseph Forshaw)
- Canada (Mr. Jon Allen)
- France (Mr. Alain Mégret)
- Hungary (Mr. Ferenc Márkus)
- Suriname (Ms. Muriel Held).

Mr. Mégret was elected by the Committee to the post of Chairman.

 The Committee determined the criteria to evaluate the credentials which had been submitted on the basis, <u>inter alia</u>, of Notification 1987/3 sent by the Convention Bureau to all Contracting Parties. This document included a model that the appropriate national authorities could follow in preparing credentials.

Notification 1987/3 stated clearly that credentials should:

- have been issued expressly for the Third Meeting of the Conference,
- have been issued and signed by appropriate authorities, i.e. the Head of State, the Head of Government or the Minister responsible for Foreign Affairs,
- confer all powers to participate and vote in the Conference.
- 3. Pursuant to these requirements, the Committee found the credentials submitted by the delegates of the following Contracting Parties to be in acceptable form (in total thirty credentials):

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics.