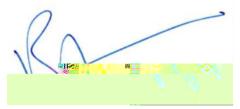


I would also like to congratulate Chile, China, Finland, Honduras, Monaco, Myanmar, Namibia, the Russian Federation and Sierra Leone on their appointment as members of the Credentials Committee.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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