CREDENTIALS

All Parties to the Convention (or Protocol) should present their credentials to the secretariat before the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties. This may be done **on arrival in Geneva**. However, the secretariat would appreciate receiving a copy of the credentials in advance by fax or scanned by e-mail; the fax number is +41.22.917.0107, the e-mail address is eia.conv@unece.org.

The credentials take the form of a document prepared by a State authorizing a delegate or delegation of that State to represent it at the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention ("MOP5"), and the first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol ("MOP/MOPP1"). The credentials are signed by the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Articles 16 to 18 of the Rules of Procedure provide additional conditions on credentials.

An example of a delegation's credentials is provided below:

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I, [name and title of the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs],

HEREBY AUTHORISE [name and title or one or more persons] to represent the Government of [name of State] at the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, and the first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, to be held in Geneva, from 20 to 23 June 2011.

Done at [place] on [date].

[Signature]