

## **CREDENTIALS**

All Parties to the Convention or Protocol should present their credentials to the secretariat before the start of the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol). This may be done **on arrival in Geneva or by sending them by post** (Tea Aulavuo, Secretary to the Espoo Convention and its Protocol, UNECE, Environment Division, (H-building, WP.33) Palais des Nations, 8-14 Avenue de la Paix, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland). However, the secretariat would need to receive **a scanned copy of the credentials** in advance (**by Tuesday, 28 November 2023**) **by e-mail (eia.conv@un.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 Meeting of the Parties' sessions. The credentials are signed by the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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

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

### **CREDENTIALS**

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 ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, and the fifth 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 12 to 15 December 2023.

Done at *[place]* on *[date]*.

*[Signature]*