

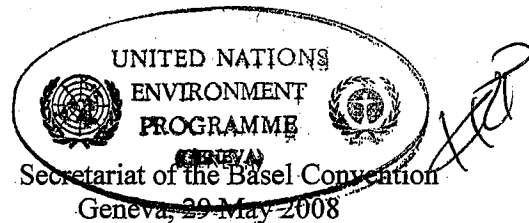
COMMUNICATION

**CREDENTIALS FOR DELEGATES TO THE NINTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF
THE PARTIES OF THE BASEL CONVENTION,
23 TO 27 JUNE 2008**

The Secretariat recalls Rules 16, 17 and 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention concerning representation and credentials.

The Secretariat reminds delegates to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention of the need to submit their credentials to the Executive Secretary no later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting. The Secretariat would, however, welcome receiving these credentials in advance of the meeting. If credentials are submitted in copy or by fax, the delegation should submit the original not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the meeting.

The Secretariat encloses herewith a note outlining the credentials requirements for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention for ease of reference.



To: Focal Points of Parties of the Basel Convention

Copy to: Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva

Requirements for credentials for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal

Reference is made to rules 16, 17 and 18 of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, concerning representation and credentials.

1. Submission

The credentials of the head of delegation and other representatives, alternate representatives, and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Convention (or to her designated representative) if possible not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the meeting.

Any later change in the composition of the delegation, including changes after the opening of the meeting, shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary (or the representative of the Executive Secretary).

Please note that submission of credentials prior to the meeting would greatly facilitate the advance clearing process by the Secretariat.

Submission of credentials is vital for full participation in the meeting. The absence of credentials and/or ambiguity may affect the exercise of the right to vote. If credentials are submitted in copy or by fax, the delegation should submit the original not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the meeting.

2. Issuance

The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional political and/or economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

3. Form

Please note that the credentials must bear the name and position of the person who signs the credentials as well as the full signature of the appropriate authority or else be sealed and initialled by that authority. The seal and/or letterheading should clearly indicate that the credentials have been issued by the appropriate authority.

4. Language

If credentials are submitted in a language other than one of the official languages of the meetings as provided under rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish), they should be accompanied by a translation into one of those six languages, and be produced and sealed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or its diplomatic representation, or the office of the Head of Delegation or the office of one of the delegates whose name is listed in the credentials.