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for the Protection of the Marine  
Environment of the Caspian Sea**

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**CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES  
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**Note by the interim Secretariat**

**Requirements for credentials for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the  
Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea<sup>1</sup>**

Reference is made to Rules 12, and 13 of the draft Rules of Procedure for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea.

**Submission**

1. Credentials take form of a document issued by a competent State authority that empowers a delegate or delegation of that State to attend a conference, including where necessary, for the purpose of negotiating and adopting its decisions. A State may also issue credentials to enable a signature of the Final Act of a Conference. Credentials are distinct from full powers. Credentials permit a delegate or a delegation to adopt decisions and/or sign the Final Act, while full powers permit a person to undertake any given treaty action (in particular, signature of treaties).
2. The credentials shall be submitted to the to the Secretariat, if possible, before the opening of the Meeting but not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the Meeting
3. Please note that submission of credentials prior to the Meeting would facilitate the advance clearing process by the Secretariat.
4. Submission of credentials is vital for full participation in the Meeting. The absence of credentials or any ambiguity therein may affect the exercise of right to vote. If credentials are submitted in copy or by fax, it is understood that the delegation will submit the original not later than twenty-four hours prior the closure of the Meeting (by 18:00, 24 May 2007).

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the draft rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties, section “Representation and Credentials”, Rules 11, 12 and 13.

**Issuance**

5. The credentials should be issued by a competent State authority and must bear the name the persons who are members of the delegation indicating their positions in the delegation, such as head of the delegation, alternative head of the delegation, advisers.

**Language**

6. If credentials are issued in a language other than the languages of the Meeting provided by the Secretariat (English and Russian) as set forth in Rule 41 of the Draft Rules of procedure, they should be accompanied by an official translation into one of these languages.