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**Proposal of Standard form for the Presentation of Credentials to
GFCM Statutory Sessions**

Article II (1) of the GFCM Agreement states: *Each Member shall be represented at sessions of the Commission by one delegate, who may be accompanied by an alternate and by experts and advisers. Participation in meetings of the Commission by alternates, experts, and advisers shall not entail the right to vote, except in the case of an alternate who is acting in the place of a delegate during his absence.*

Rule III (2) of the GFCM Rules of Procedure states: *At each session, the Secretary shall receive the credentials of delegations, observer nations and international organization participating as observers. Such credentials shall conform to the standard form set by the Secretariat. Upon examination thereof the Secretariat shall report to the Commission for the necessary action.*

Pursuant to Rule III (2), the Secretary shall receive the credentials of delegations and such credentials shall conform to the standard form set by the Secretariat. Upon examination thereof the Secretariat shall report to the Commission for the necessary action.

The standard form set by the Secretariat could be drafted as follows:

“ Upon instructions of [the Minister of .../Head of the appropriate national agency] I wish to inform you that [name of GFCM Member] will participate in the [...] Session of the General Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and will be represented by the following delegation (or by M...if the delegation is constituted by only one person...):

- M ... (title) Head of delegation
- M ... (title) Alternate
- M ... (title) Expert
- M ... (title) Adviser

M ..., Head of Delegation or, in his/her absence, the alternate or any other member of the Delegation designated by him/her, is authorised to fully take part in the proceedings of the Session and take, on behalf of the Government (or Authority concerned for REIO) of [name of GFCM Member], any action or any decision required in relation with this Session.

Signature

[Minister or responsible Authority] ”

The letter should preferably be signed by the Minister concerned; it could also be signed on his behalf by another authorised Authority (the DG MARE, for instance).

The credentials should be addressed to the Executive Secretary of the GFCM.

The original document may be mailed/emailed/faxed to the GFCM Secretariat or hand delivered prior to the start of the meeting.

Please note that members that do not present their credentials may not be admitted to the meeting.

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