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ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Chairman

Mr. MANOUAN (Côte d'Ivoire), President of the General Conference

Members

- Mr. CAO, representing Mr. JIANG (China), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. MORALES, representing Mr. CASTRO DIAZ-BALART (Cuba), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. PABSCH, representing Mr. WALLMANN (Federal Republic of Germany), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. GOPAL, representing Mr. RAMANNA (India), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. KABBAJ (Morocco), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. WALKER (New Zealand), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. ZOBOV, representing Mr. SHCHERBINA (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. BETTAUER, representing Mr. HERRINGTON (United States of America), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. SCHEEL (German Democratic Republic), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole
- Mr. WATERFALL (Canada), Additional Member
- Ms. LASSEN (Denmark), Additional Member
- Mr. van GORKOM (Netherlands), Additional Member
- Mr. PECCI (Paraguay), Additional Member
- Mr. HADDAD (Syrian Arab Republic), Additional Member
- Ms. SUDIRDJO (Indonesia), Chairman of the Board of Governors

Secretariat

Mr. SANMUGANATHAN, Secretary of the Committee

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

1. The CHAIRMAN asked whether the Committee wished to adopt the provisional agenda contained in document GC(SPL.I)/GEN/2.
2. It was so decided.

EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

3. The CHAIRMAN, after referring to Rules 27, 28 and 29 of the Rules of Procedure and commenting on Rule 27 in the light of an opinion given by the United Nations Legal Counsel some years previously, said that the Committee's task was simply to ascertain that the requirements of Rule 27 had been satisfied. The present situation was the following: 69 delegates had submitted credentials complying with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, while in respect of 20 delegates the Secretariat had received communications which did not constitute proper credentials meeting the requirements of that rule. In addition, there were three delegates attending the session in respect of whom no credentials or other communications of accreditation had been received. If any member of the Committee wished to know to which category a particular delegate belonged, that information would be provided orally at once.
4. Mr. HADDAD (Syrian Arab Republic) expressed reservations concerning the credentials of the Israeli delegate, which he considered invalid for a number of reasons. First, the borders of Israel were not internationally recognized since they included parts of the territories of other States illegally occupied and annexed. Secondly, although Israel considered Jerusalem to be its capital, that city had been illegally annexed and its status as a capital had never been recognized by the international community. Thirdly, Israel was governed by a Zionist régime, and Zionism had been declared by the United Nations General Assembly to be a form of racism equivalent to apartheid. Fourthly, Israel had persistently denied the original population of Palestine its right to self-determination.
5. Mr. KABBAJ (Morocco) said that Jerusalem had never been recognized internationally as the capital of Israel; moreover, the United Nations General

Assembly had declared the transfer of the capital to Jerusalem illegal. Morocco therefore wished to express its reservations concerning the credentials of the Israeli delegate.

6. Mr. BETTAUER (United States of America) said that, while he did not wish to discuss the arguments of the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Morocco, their statements regarding the credentials of the delegate of Israel were not relevant to the task of the Committee as outlined by the Chairman.

7. On the other hand, his Government was deeply concerned about the situation in Afghanistan, and the fact that it did not make any objection concerning the credentials of the delegate of Afghanistan did not mean that the United States acquiesced in the Soviet armed intervention in that country. The régime installed in Afghanistan, which was maintained in power solely by the Soviet occupation, was not representative of the Afghan people.

8. Mr. MORALES (Cuba), associating himself with the comments of the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic regarding the credentials of the delegate of Israel, noted that the statement by the United States representative about the credentials of the delegate of Afghanistan could also apply to a number of countries which were totally or partly occupied by the United States.

9. Mr. ZOBOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) supported the statement by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic. The remarks by the United States representative concerning the credentials of the delegate of Afghanistan, on the other hand, were entirely irrelevant and constituted propaganda.

10. Moreover, he wished to express his own delegation's reservations with regard to the credentials of the Chilean delegate.

11. Mr. GOPAL (India) supported the statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Morocco and Cuba with respect to the credentials of the delegate of Israel.

12. Mr. PEGGI (Paraguay) said that every nation had the right to take the measures it wished with respect to its participation in international meetings. He therefore favoured accepting the credentials of delegates nominated by Member States, including those of the delegate of Israel. That had been done in 1985 and there was no need to reverse the decision.
13. He therefore supported the statement by the representative of the United States, noting that there were countries which were in a position similar to that of Israel but whose delegates' credentials were not questioned within the Agency.
14. Mr. SCHEEL (Chairman of the Committee of the Whole), speaking as a member of the delegation of the German Democratic Republic, associated himself with the views expressed by the representative of the Soviet Union.
15. Mr. CAO (China) supported the remarks by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Morocco with respect to the credentials of the Israeli delegate.
16. Mr. PABSCH (Federal Republic of Germany), associating himself with the statement by the representative of the United States concerning the Israeli delegate's credentials, said that the decision taken in 1985 with respect to those credentials should continue to be respected.
17. Mr. WATERFALL (Canada), Ms. LASSEN (Denmark), Mr. van GORKOM (Netherlands) and Mr. WALKER (New Zealand) associated themselves with the remarks made by the representative of the United States with regard to the credentials of Israel.
18. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee submit to the General Conference a report[1] stating that it had met to examine the credentials of delegates in accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure and containing a summary of the discussion which had just taken place, together with lists of the Member States whose delegates were in possession of satisfactory credentials, of those for whose delegates the Director General had received communications not complying with Rule 27 and of those for whose delegates no

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[1] Subsequently issued in documents GC(SPL.I)/17 and Add.1.

credentials or other communications of accreditation had been received. The report could indicate that, following the practice of previous years, the General Committee considered that delegates in the latter two categories should be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference on the understanding that for each such delegate proper credentials would be submitted to the Director General as soon as possible. Lastly, the report could recommend that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution:

"The General Conference

"Accepts the report by the General Committee on its examination of the credentials of delegates to the Conference's first special session, which is set forth in document GC(SPL.I)/17."

19. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 6.35 p.m.



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