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(b) REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Dr. Tulio A. MARULANDA (Colombia)

1. The Credentials Committee^{1/} met on 20 September 1973 to examine the credentials of delegates to the session, as provided for in Article 28 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure. Dr. Tulio A. Marulanda of Colombia was unanimously elected Chairman, and the present report was prepared at the conclusion of the Committee's deliberations.
2. In the course of the Committee's examination of the credentials, the delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that his Government could not acknowledge "the legality of the Saigon administration to represent South Viet-Nam". He further stated that "the Seoul administration, which rejects proposals to unite Korea on a peaceful basis, does not represent the interests of the population of South Korea. For this reason, the Soviet Delegation could not accept as valid the credentials presented by the Seoul administration".
3. The delegate of Poland stated that his Government "could not accept as valid the credentials of the Saigon and the Seoul administrations, as the Saigon administration does not represent the Vietnamese people and the Seoul administration does not represent the Korean people."

^{1/} The Committee consisted of Australia, Colombia, Greece, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Tunisia, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America.

4. The Committee found that credentials satisfying the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure had been submitted to the Director General for the delegates of the following 71 Member States:

Albania	Japan
Algeria	Korea, Republic of
Argentina	Lebanon
Australia	Liechtenstein
Austria	Luxembourg
Bangladesh	Madagascar
Brazil	Mexico
Bulgaria	Monaco
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Netherlands
Cameroon	New Zealand
Canada	Norway
Costa Rica	Pakistan
Cuba	Peru
Czechoslovak Socialist Republic	Philippines
Denmark	Poland
Egypt, Arab Republic of	Portugal
Ethiopia	Romania
Finland	Saudi Arabia
France	Singapore
Gabon	South Africa
German Democratic Republic	Spain
Germany, Federal Republic of	Sri Lanka
Ghana	Sudan
Greece	Sweden
Guatemala	Switzerland
Holy See	Syrian Arab Republic
Hungary	Thailand
Iceland	Tunisia
India	Turkey
Indonesia	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Iran	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Iraq	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Ireland	United States of America
Israel	Yugoslavia
Jamaica	Zaire, Republic of
	Zambia

5. The Committee found that the credentials submitted for the delegates of the following six Members did not satisfy the provisions of Rule 27:

Colombia	Uruguay
Italy	Venezuela
Khmer Republic	Vict-Nam

The consensus was, however, that in accordance with the practice of the Agency, of the United Nations and of other international organizations, the credentials in question should be accepted as provisional, on the understanding that satisfactory credentials for the delegates concerned would be submitted as soon as possible.

6. At the time the Committee met no credentials had been received by the Director General in respect of the delegates representing the following seven Members:

Belgium	Niger
Libyan Arab Republic	Nigeria
Malaysia	Panama
Morocco	

The Committee was nevertheless of the opinion that these delegates should be provisionally seated with the same rights as other delegates, pending submission of their credentials.

7. The Committee noted that the following 19 Members were not represented at the session:

Afghanistan	Jordan
Bolivia	Kenya
Burma	Kuwait
Chile	Liberia
Cyprus	Mali
Dominican Republic	Paraguay
Ecuador	Senegal
El Salvador	Sierra Leone
Haiti	Uganda
Ivory Coast	

8. The Committee recommends the Conference to adopt the following draft resolution:

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The General Conference

Accepts the report of the Credentials Committee set forth in document GC(XVII)/514.

