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EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

Report of the General Committee

1. At its thirtieth meeting on 21 September 1978 the General Committee examined the credentials of delegates to the session, as provided for in Rule 28 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure.^{1/}
2. The Chairman of the Committee announced that credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure had been submitted to the Director General for the delegates of the following 80 Members:

Albania	Holy See
Argentina	Hungary
Australia	Iceland
Austria	India
Belgium	Indonesia
Bolivia	Iran
Bulgaria	Iraq
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Ireland
Canada	Israel
Chile	Japan
Colombia	Kenya
Costa Rica	Korea, Republic of
Cuba	Lebanon
Czechoslovakia	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Liechtenstein
Denmark	Luxembourg
Ecuador	Malaysia
Egypt	Monaco
Finland	Mongolia
France	Morocco
German Democratic Republic	Netherlands
Germany, Federal Republic of	New Zealand
Ghana	Nicaragua
Greece	Niger
Guatemala	Norway

^{1/} GC(XIX)/INF/152.

Pakistan	Switzerland
Panama	Thailand
Peru	Turkey
Philippines	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republics
Poland	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Portugal	United Arab Emirates
Qatar	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Romania	United Republic of Tanzania
Saudi Arabia	United States of America
Senegal	Uruguay
South Africa	Venezuela
Spain	Viet Nam
Sri Lanka	Yugoslavia
Sudan	Zaire
Sweden	Zambia.

3. The Chairman of the Committee announced further that various official communications received by the Secretariat with respect to the status of the delegates of the following 10 Members did not constitute credentials that satisfied the provisions of Rule 27

Algeria	Kuwait
Bangladesh	Liberia
Brazil	Mexico
Italy	Nigeria
Jamaica	Tunisia

4. The Committee expressed its consensus in condemning the policy of apartheid of the Government of South Africa.

The views expressed in the course of the discussion are reflected below:

(a) The representative of Algeria, on behalf of the African group, referring to the consensus at preceding sessions of the General Conference which condemned the apartheid policy of South Africa, and pointing out that the situation had not changed, stated that his delegation could not accept the credentials of South Africa and called upon the Committee not to recognize those credentials. He believed that the examination of credentials was not only a technical question, but should also be related to the adherence of the Member concerned to the principles laid down in the Statute of the Agency, and quoted Article VI.B in this connection.

(b) The representative of Algeria was supported by the representatives of Jamaica, Iraq, the German Democratic Republic, India, USSR and Poland

(c) The representative of the German Democratic Republic further stated that his delegation could also not accept the credentials of Chile and the South Korean régime.

(d) The representatives of the USSR, Poland and Algeria associated themselves with the views expressed by the representative of the German Democratic Republic on non-acceptance of credentials of the South Korean and the Chilean régimes.

(e) On the other hand, the representatives of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Federal Republic of Germany, Australia, Canada, Japan and Colombia indicated in their statements that the Committee should confine its attention to the question whether credentials submitted were in good and proper order in accordance with Rules 27 and 28 of the Rules of Procedure and should avoid consideration of political, moral and ethical issues. They all referred to the Statements made by their delegations on previous occasions, concerning the apartheid régime in South Africa and expressing their abhorrence thereof.

(f) The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, as a member of the General Committee stated that he had a special duty to implement the Statute and the Rules of Procedure. In his view this Committee had only to refer to Article 27 or 28 of the Rules of Procedure, so that the credentials of the three countries in question were in his view in accordance with the requirements of these Rules.

(g) The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics requested clarification as to which Article of the Statute or Rule of Procedure prevents the President of the General Conference from voting in this Committee on the question of non-recognition of the credentials of South Africa.

(h) The President said that despite his personal opinion on this matter as a member of an African country, he considered that according to Rules 51 and 52 of the Rules of Procedure, the President should not take part in a vote. The representative of the Director General confirmed that in accordance with Rules 51 and 52 the President on the one previous occasion in 1961, when the General Committee voted on a question, did not vote.

5 It was the consensus of the Committee that in line with past practice those delegates for whom satisfactory credentials had not been received should be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference, on the understanding that satisfactory

credentials for each of them would be submitted to the Director General as soon as possible.

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

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The General Conference

Accepts the report by the General Committee on its examination of the credentials of delegates to the Conference's twenty-second regular session which is set forth in document GC(XXII)/607.