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EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

Report of the General Committee

1. At its forty-first meeting on 24 September 1982 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 79 Members:

Albania	Czechoslovakia
Algeria	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Argentina	Denmark
Australia	Egypt
Austria	Finland
Bangladesh	German Democratic Republic
Belgium	Germany, Federal Republic of
Bolivia	Ghana
Bulgaria	Greece
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Guatemala
Canada	Holy See
Chile	Hungary
Colombia	Iceland
Cuba	India
Cyprus	Indonesia

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

Iran	Peru
Iraq	Philippines
Ireland	Poland
Israel	Portugal
Italy	Romania
Japan	Spain
Jordan	Sri Lanka
Korea, Republic of	Sudan
Kuwait	Sweden
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Switzerland
Liechtenstein	Syrian Arab Republic
Luxembourg	Thailand
Madagascar	Tunisia
Malaysia	Turkey
Mexico	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Monaco	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Mongolia	United Arab Emirates
Morocco	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Netherlands	United Republic of Tanzania
New Zealand	Uruguay
Niger	Viet Nam, Socialist Republic of
Nigeria	Yugoslavia
Norway	Zaire
Pakistan	Zambia.
Paraguay	

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 14 Members did not constitute credentials that satisfied the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure:

Brazil	Senegal
Costa Rica	United Republic of Cameroon
Ecuador ^{2/}	United States of America ^{2/}
Ivory Coast	Venezuela
Lebanon	
Mali	
Nicaragua	
Panama	
Qatar	
Saudi Arabia ^{2/}	

^{2/} Since the Committee met credentials which the Director General considers satisfactory have been received for the delegate of this Member.

4. The Committee was informed that up to the time of its meeting on 24 September 1982 no credentials or other communications of accreditation had been received in respect of the following two Members:

France^{2/}
Kenya

5. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that his delegation could not recognize the credentials of the Chilean Junta.

6. The representative of Saudi Arabia objected to the recognition of the credentials of Israel, on the grounds of Israel's violation of the Agency's Statute and the Charter of the United Nations and their non-compliance with the resolutions of the General Conference and the Security Council.

7. The representative of Chile stated that his country is not governed by a Junta, but by the President elected in March 1980. He further stated that the Committee should consider whether credentials are established in accordance with the requirements of the Rules of Procedure and not inject political aspects into its considerations.

8. The representative of the German Democratic Republic stated that his delegation could not recognize the credentials of Chile.

9. The representative of the United States of America proposed, in the light of the principle of universality in the United Nations and in the Agency, that all credentials be recognized.

10. This statement was supported by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Federal Republic of Germany.

11. The representatives of France and Japan were also in favour of accepting all credentials.

12. The representative of Morocco fully supported the arguments put by the representative of Saudi Arabia.

13. The representative of India stated that the conduct of a State has to be examined in the light of the Statute of the Agency and the Charter of the United Nations and on the merits of its actions or omissions. If a State's conduct did not correspond to the requirements of the Statute, his delegation did not hesitate in rejecting the credentials of its delegate and supported the statements made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia and Morocco.

14. The representatives of Zambia, Indonesia, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the German Democratic Republic endorsed the statement made by the representative of Saudi Arabia.

15. The Chairman then proposed that, in accordance 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.

16. The Chairman further stated, in reply to a question raised by the representative of India, that the report would contain a summary of statements heard and would recommend that all credentials be accepted.

17. Finally, the Chairman read the following draft resolution, as recommended by the Committee for adoption by the Conference:

"Examination of delegates' credentials

The General Conference

Accepts the report by the General Committee on its examination of the credentials of delegates to the Conference's twenty-sixth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(XXVI)/682."