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ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Chairman

Mr. SIAZON (Philippines), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr. BRADY ROCHE (Chile), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. LOOSCH, representing Mr. HAUNSCHILD (Federal Republic of Germany),  
Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. SINGH, representing Mr. SETHNA (India), Vice-President of the General  
Conference

Mr. NIMPUNO (Indonesia), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. HAMAMOTO, representing Mr. YAMATO (Japan), Vice-President of the  
General Conference

Mr. BADDUO (Morocco), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. MISHARIN, representing Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist  
Republics), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. KENNEDY, representing Mr. DAVIS (United States of America), Vice-  
President of the General Conference

Mr. COPITHORNE (Canada), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. AMPUERO ANGULO (Bolivia), Additional Member

Mr. THABAULT, representing Mr. HERVE (France), Additional Member

Mr. HOEHNE, representing Mr. SITZLACK (German Democratic Republic),  
Additional Member

Mr. AL-KABBANI (Saudi Arabia), Additional Member

Mr. WILMSHURST, representing Mr. KELLY (United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland), Additional Member

Mr. SILANGWA (Zambia), Additional Member

Mr. UKAWA (Japan), Chairman of the Board of Governors

Secretariat

Mr. SIEVERING, Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of  
Administration

Mr. HERRON, Director, Legal Division

Mr. SANMUGANATHAN, Secretary of the Committee

EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

1. The CHAIRMAN announced that the present situation was as follows:  
79 delegates had submitted credentials complying with the provisions of Rule 27  
of the Rules of Procedure. In addition, 14 delegates had submitted credentials  
in the form of communications or telegrams which did not constitute credentials  
in the proper form. For the delegates of two Member States attending the  
session no credentials or letter of accreditation had reached the Secretariat.

2. Mr. MISHARIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) stated that his  
delegation could not accept the credentials submitted by the Chilean junta.

3. Mr. AL-KABBANI (Saudi Arabia) was unable to accept the credentials  
submitted by Israel, which had violated the United Nations Charter and did  
not respect General Assembly resolutions.

4. Mr. BRADY ROCHE (Chile) said, in reply to the delegation of the  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, that his country was governed by a president  
who had been elected in a regular manner in March 1980. The task of the General  
Committee was to examine credentials in accordance with the Rules of Procedure  
and not to discuss political questions.

5. Mr. HOEHNE (German Democratic Republic) said that his delegation was  
likewise unable to accept the credentials submitted by the delegate of Chile.

6. Mr. KENNEDY (United States of America) regretted the fact that poli-  
tical questions had been raised at the meeting and stressed the need for the  
principle of the Agency's universality to be respected. He requested delegations  
to accept all credentials.

7. Mr. WILMSHURST (United Kingdom) and Mr. LOOSCH (Federal Republic of  
Germany) fully supported the statement by the delegate of the United States of  
America.

8. Mr. BADDUO (Morocco) supported the arguments of the delegate of Saudi  
Arabia on humanitarian, political and legal grounds. Israel claimed to  
represent territories which had been annexed by force against the will of their  
populations, and had taken no account of the condemnation of its acts by the  
international community.

9. Mr. SINGH (India) regretted to have to support the statements by the delegates of Morocco and Saudi Arabia. The conduct of the State in question should be judged in accordance with the Statute, the Charter of the United Nations and precedents at the Agency. The possibility that that State might use nuclear energy for military purposes and considerations of international and humanitarian law required the Committee to examine that question during the present session. Even countries which had just made statements in favour of Israel had condemned it in other fora on political and also on legal grounds. Since Israel had not taken due account of the last resolution of the General Conference, India was unable to accept the credentials submitted by its delegate.

10. Mr. SILANGWA (Zambia), Mr. NIMPUNO (Indonesia), Mr. MISHARIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. HOEHNE (German Democratic Republic) supported the statements by the delegates of Saudi Arabia, Morocco and India.

11. Mr. THABAULT (France) said that the Committee was not competent to make judgements about political questions and could decide only whether the credentials submitted were in accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure.

12. Mr. HAMAMOTO (Japan) also stressed that the Committee should only examine the extent to which credentials conformed with those provisions.

13. The CHAIRMAN suggested that, following the practice of previous years, he should submit to the General Conference a report of the discussion that had just taken place in connection with the examination of delegates' credentials, together with a draft resolution on the subject.

14. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 9.35 a.m.

