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EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS Report of the General Committee

1. At its forty-fifth meeting, on 27 September 1984, the General Committee examined the credentials of delegates to the session, as provided for in Rule 28 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure.
2. At the outset, the Chairman of the Committee mentioned Rules 27, 28 and 29 of the Rules of Procedure and, referring to an opinion by the United Nations Legal Counsel, read out the following points of Rule 27 regarding credentials for the General Conference:
 - (a) Credentials designate the delegate of a Member State to a given session of the General Conference;
 - (b) They are submitted to the Director General; and
 - (c) They are issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
3. The Chairman of the Committee then 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 84 Members:

Albania
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria

Byelorussian Soviet Socialist
Republic
Canada
Chile
China
Colombia

Costa Rica
Cuba
Cyprus
Czechoslovakia
Democratic People's Republic
of Korea

Denmark
Ecuador
Egypt
Finland
France

Gabon
German Democratic Republic
Germany, Federal Republic of
Ghana
Greece

Guatemala
Holy See
Hungary
Iceland
India

Indonesia
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq
Ireland
Israel

Italy
Ivory Coast
Japan
Jordan
Korea, Republic of

Kuwait
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Malaysia
Mexico

Monaco
Mongolia
Morocco
Namibia
Netherlands

New Zealand
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Norway

Pakistan
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines

Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Romania
Sri Lanka

Sudan
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand

Tunisia
Turkey
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
United Arab Emirates

United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay
Venezuela

Viet Nam
Yugoslavia
Zaire
Zambia

4. 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 13 Members did not constitute credentials that satisfied the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure:

Algeria	Saudi Arabia
Argentina	Senegal
Bangladesh	Spain
Bolivia	
Brazil	
Dominican Republic	
Kenya	
Lebanon	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	
Madagascar	

5. The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran stated, with regard to the credentials of the delegate of Israel, that it had been and still was the position of the Islamic Republic of Iran not to approve the credentials of the Israeli delegate. His delegation therefore rejected the Israeli delegates's credentials.

6. The representative of Iraq said that he had reservations with respect to the credentials of the Israeli delegation for the following reasons:

- (a) Neither Iraq nor the United Nations Security Council recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel;
- (b) Iraq regarded as illegal the occupation by Israel of Arab territories, including territories of Palestine, the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon, and therefore did not accept that Israel represented the populations of these territories;
- (c) The Israeli military attack on a peaceful nuclear reactor in Iraq was a violation of Israel's obligations under the Statute of the Agency to further the peaceful application of nuclear energy.

7. The representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia associated themselves with the previous statements regarding the credentials of the Israeli delegate.

8. The representative of the United States of America regretted the injection of political considerations which had nothing to do with the validity of credentials. Article V of the Statute provided for each Member to be represented, and Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference set forth the criteria for the validity of credentials documents. To deprive a Member of the right to participate on other grounds would strike at the principle of universality which underpinned the entire United Nations system. In his opinion, the arguments advanced against some credentials were not relevant. He urged the acceptance of all credentials submitted to the Committee.

9. The representatives of Japan, Australia, Canada, Uruguay, France and the Federal Republic of Germany associated themselves with the views expressed by the representative of the United States of America.

10. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, speaking on behalf of the Nigerian delegation, said he would have no objection to the credentials of the Israeli delegate if they were in conformity with the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure.

11. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics reiterated reservations made at previous sessions of the General Conference concerning the credentials of the delegate of Chile and wished to have this position reflected in the report of the Committee.

12. 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.

13. Finally, the Committee agreed to recommend the following draft resolution for adoption by the General 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-eighth regular session which is set forth in document GC(XXVIII)/743."