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EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

Report of the General Committee

1. At its fifty-first meeting, on 24 September 1987, 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 88 Members:

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Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Argentina
Australia

Austria
Bangladesh
Belgium
Bolivia
Brazil

Bulgaria
Byelorussian Soviet
Socialist Republic
Canada
Chile
China

Colombia
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba
Cyprus

Czechoslovakia
Democratic People's Republic
of Korea
Denmark
Ecuador
Egypt

Finland
France
German Democratic Republic
Germany, Federal Republic of
Ghana

Greece
Guatemala
Holy See
Hungary
Iceland

India
Indonesia
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq
Ireland

Israel
Italy
Japan
Jordan
Kenya

Korea, Republic of
Kuwait
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg

Madagascar
Malaysia
Mexico
Monaco
Mongolia

Morocco
Namibia
Netherlands
New Zealand
Niger

Nigeria
Norway
Pakistan
Panama
Paraguay

Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Spain

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 States of America
Viet Nam
Yugoslavia

Zaire
Zambia
Zimbabwe

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

Cameroon	Romania
El Salvador	Senegal
Lebanon	Uganda
Nicaragua	United Republic of Tanzania
Peru	Uruguay
Philippines	Venezuela

5. The representative of Tunisia, speaking on behalf of the Arab delegations, stated their reservations with respect to the credentials of the Israeli delegate on the grounds laid down in document GC(XXXI)/820. He read out this document and requested that it be annexed to the report of the Committee.

6. The representative of the United States of America expressed his delegation's regret over the previous statement regarding the credentials of the delegate of Israel since it was made on purely political grounds that were irrelevant to the task of the Committee. He further said that the delegation of the United States of America, while not pressing an objection with respect to the credentials of the delegate of Afghanistan, was deeply concerned over the situation in that country, and stated that its joining a consensus in the Committee was in no way to be considered as acquiescence in the Soviet armed intervention in Afghanistan. The representative of the United States of America further noted that the regime installed in Afghanistan by Soviet armed intervention, and maintained in power solely by Soviet occupation, could not be considered representative of the people of Afghanistan. He requested that his statement be duly reflected in the report of the Committee.

7. The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Iraq associated themselves with the statement made by the representative of Tunisia in expressing reservations concerning the credentials of the Israeli delegate.

8. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics supported the reservations expressed by previous speakers with respect to the credentials of the delegate of Israel.

9. Also, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics said that his delegation was astonished at the stubborn attempts by the United States of America to introduce into the atmosphere of co-operation prevailing in the International Atomic Energy Agency a spirit of contention not inherent in the organization and that his delegation rejected outright as irrelevant, propagandistic and purely political the allegations made by the representative of the United States of America concerning Afghanistan, which was a sovereign State and an active member of the non-aligned movement fighting against imperialistic aggression. In his view the allegations of the representative of the United States of America had been made in the spirit of the line of action which had been manifested by the refusal to make due contribution to the efforts of the Agency towards developing international co-operation in the peaceful utilization of nuclear energy and strengthening the non-proliferation regime. In addition, for reasons expressed at previous sessions of the General Conference, he wished to reiterate objections concerning the credentials of the delegate of Chile.

10. The representative of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic supported the previous reservations with respect to the credentials of the Israeli delegate. He also associated himself with the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in rejecting the allegations made by the representative of the United States of America concerning Afghanistan and in expressing reservations with regard to the credentials of the delegate of Chile.

11. The representative of Hungary said that the statement made by the representative of the United States of America concerning Afghanistan was of no relevance to the task of the Credentials Committee since it was unrelated to the issue of credentials. His delegation had no doubt about the validity of the credentials of the delegate of Afghanistan, which were in full conformity with the applicable criteria.

12. The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea strongly supported the position of the Arab States as laid down in document GC(XXXI)/820 and expressed reservations concerning the credentials of the Israeli delegate. He further said that his delegation had strong reservations with respect to the credentials of the delegate of the Republic of Korea since the regime of South Korea, installed, maintained and ruled by their ruler from abroad, was not representative of the South Korean people.

13. 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.

14. Finally, the Chairman read the following draft of a resolution:

"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 thirty-first regular session which is set forth in document GC(XXXI)/828."

15. The Committee agreed to recommend that the Conference adopt the draft resolution contained in paragraph 14.

