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EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

Report of the General Committee

1. At its fifty-ninth meeting, on 20 September 1990, 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 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 77 Members:

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Afghanistan	Liechtenstein
Albania	Luxembourg
Algeria	Malaysia
Argentina	Mexico
Australia	Monaco
Austria	Mongolia
Bangladesh	Morocco
Brazil	Namibia
Bulgaria	Netherlands
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Nigeria
Canada	Norway
Chile	Pakistan
China	Philippines
Colombia	Poland
Costa Rica	Portugal
Cuba	Qatar
Cyprus	Romania
Czechoslovakia	Saudi Arabia
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Spain
Denmark	Sudan
Ecuador	Sweden
Egypt	Switzerland
Finland	Syrian Arab Republic
France	Thailand
German Democratic Republic	Tunisia
Germany, Federal Republic of	Turkey
Ghana	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Greece	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Holy See	United Arab Emirates
Hungary	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Iceland	United Republic of Tanzania
India	United States of America
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Uruguay
Iraq	Venezuela
Ireland	Viet Nam
Israel	Yugoslavia
Japan	Zimbabwe
Kenya	
Korea, Republic of	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	

4. The Chairman of the Committee announced further that various official communications in the form of telefax copies of original credentials, telexes from Ministers of Foreign Affairs, notes or letters from Permanent Missions, received by the Secretariat with respect to the status of delegates of the following 16 Members did not constitute formal credentials under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure:

Belgium	Panama
Bolivia	Peru
Cameroon	Senegal
Cote d'Ivoire	Uganda
Indonesia	Zaire
Italy	Zambia
Kuwait	
Lebanon	
Madagascar	
New Zealand	

5. The Chairman of the Committee then drew the attention of the Committee to documents GC(XXXIV)/936 and GC(XXXIV)/936/Add.1^{1/} containing reservations by the Arab delegation members of the League of Arab States participating in this Conference's session, about the credentials of the Israeli delegate. He proposed that the Committee take note of these reservations and that they be reflected in the Committee's report to the Conference and in the summary records of the meeting.

6. The representative of Saudi Arabia said that documents GC(XXXIV)/936 and GC(XXXIV)/936/Add.1, circulated on behalf of the Arab delegations members of the League of Arab States participating in the thirty-fourth session of the General Conference, contained reservations by the Arab delegations about the credentials of the delegate of the Israeli entity for the reasons stated in these documents, and requested that those reservations be fully reflected in the Committee's report.

^{1/} Annexed to this document.

7. The representative of Malaysia shared the reservations with regard to the credentials of the Israeli delegate for the same reasons as stated in the above-mentioned documents.

8. The representative of Ecuador stated that the requirements regarding delegates' credentials were laid down in Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure and that, if the credentials satisfied those requirements, there were no grounds to question them.

9. The representative of the United States of America expressed his delegation's regret that some delegates had questioned the credentials of the delegate of Israel. He stated that the Committee had no mandate to dispute a delegate's credentials on purely political grounds and that all credentials should be accepted unless they did not meet the requirements of the Rules of Procedure. The representative of the United States of America further stated that the United States remained deeply concerned about the situation in Afghanistan and that, in not pressing an objection concerning the representative of Afghanistan, the United States should in no way be considered as accepting the regime in Kabul as legitimate or representative of the Afghan people.

10. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics expressed his delegation's regret over the previous statement concerning Afghanistan since, in one case, appeals were made for depoliticization of the Agency, while, in another case, an attempt at politicization was made which was counter to the objectives of the International Atomic Energy Agency. In his delegation's view, the statement in question was entirely at variance with the constructive spirit characteristic of the current session of the General Conference. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics expressed the hope that this attitude would be confined to this Committee and that unnecessary polemics would not hamper the plenary meetings.

11. At the conclusion of the statements made by the members of the Committee, the Chairman noted that all comments and reservations concerning the credentials of the delegate of Israel, including the reservations contained in documents GC(XXXIV)/936 and GC(XXXIV)/936 Add.1 which were to be annexed to the Committee's report, and also other statements would be fully reflected in the report and summary records 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 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-fourth regular session which is set forth in document GC(XXXIV)/944."

14. The Committee agreed to recommend that the Conference adopt the draft resolution contained in paragraph 13.



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**STATEMENT BY ARAB DELEGATIONS MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES
PARTICIPATING IN THE THIRTY-FOURTH REGULAR SESSION
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

The attached statement, addressed to the Chairman of the General Committee, is being circulated in response to a request of the Ambassador of Kuwait on behalf of members of the Arab Group.

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STATEMENT OF ARAB DELEGATIONS CONCERNING THEIR RESERVATIONS
ABOUT THE CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED BY THE ISRAELI DELEGATION TO THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE IAEA MADE IN VIENNA ON 17 SEPTEMBER 1990*

Mr. Chairman,

Arab delegations, members of the League of Arab States, participating in this Conference wish to express their reservations about the credentials submitted by the Israeli entity for the following reasons:

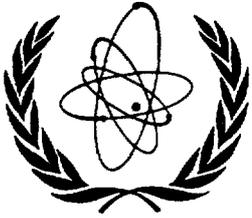
- (1) Israel persists in challenging the United Nations Charter and the principles of international law and flouting the United Nations resolutions concerning the Palestinian question and the situation in the Middle East;
- (2) In addition to occupying the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Israel has annexed Jerusalem, regarding it as its capital in spite of the relevant United Nations resolutions and in particular General Assembly resolution E169/35 of 15 December 1980, which considered all administrative and legal measures following the occupation of the city of Jerusalem as null and void and unlawful, and in which the General Assembly called upon all States and specialized agencies and other international organizations to disregard any measure contravening the provisions of that resolution. You will notice that, in spite of the provisions of the above-mentioned resolution, the credentials submitted by the Israeli delegation have been issued in occupied Jerusalem;
- (3) Apart from occupying the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Israel has annexed the Syrian Arab Golan area and refused to implement the Security Council and General Assembly resolutions relating to the annulment of the annexation measures;

* This statement has been submitted by the delegations of Algeria, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates.

- (4) The Israeli practices against Arab citizens in the occupied territories are against international laws and agreements in that Israel persists in ignoring United Nations Security Council and General Assembly resolutions by following its declared and unlawful policy, symbolized by the building of settlements in the occupied Arab territories in order to impose its hegemony on the occupied Arab lands and to change the geographic, demographic, cultural and social nature of those lands, in violation of the provisions of the fourth Geneva agreement of 1949;
- (5) Israel persistently refuses to abide by the United Nations resolutions concerning the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to the establishment of an independent Palestinian State. It also continues illegally to occupy the Palestinian territories including Holy Jerusalem;
- (6) We should like to mention General Conference resolution GC(XXVI)/RES/404 of 1982, by which the credentials of the Israeli delegate were rejected for the same reasons as those outlined above.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, the delegations of the Arab countries, in whose name I am now speaking, wish to express their reservations about the credentials submitted by the Israeli entity.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.



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Add Iraq to the delegations listed in the footnote on page 1 of the
Attachment to document GC(XXXIV)/936.

