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GENERAL COMMITTEE

RECORD OF THE FIFTY-NINTH MEETING

Held at the Austria Center Vienna,
on Thursday, 20 September 1990, at 9.40 a.m.

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[*] GC(XXXIV)/939.

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Chairman

Mr. VAJDA (Hungary), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr. ZHOU, representing Mr. JIANG (China), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. MOURLON, representing Mr. ROUVILLOIS (France), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. HALIM (Malaysia), Vice-President of the General Conference

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

Mr. PEREZ DEL CASTILLO, representing Mr. MONTESDEOCA (Uruguay), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. NEWLIN (United States of America), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. PAREJA CUCALON (Ecuador), Additional Member

Mr. VEGLIA, representing Mr. SOLAMITO (Monaco), Additional Member

Mr. ASHRI, representing Mr. AL-NOWAISER (Saudi Arabia), Additional Member

Secretariat

Mr. SANMUGANATHAN, Secretary of the Committee

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING (GC(XXXIV)/GEN/81)

1. The CHAIRMAN enquired whether the Committee was prepared to approve the provisional agenda contained in document GC(XXXIV)/GEN/81.
2. It was so decided.

EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

3. The CHAIRMAN, after referring to Rules 27, 28 and 29 of the Rules of Procedure and recalling the requirements of Rule 27, said that the Committee's task was simply to ascertain that those requirements had been satisfied. The present situation was the following: 73 delegates had submitted credentials complying with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, while in respect of 20 delegates the Secretariat had received communications which did not constitute proper credentials satisfying the requirements of that Rule. If the Committee or any of its members wished to know to which category a particular delegate belonged, that information would be provided by the Credentials Officers, who were present at the meeting.

4. He drew the Committee's attention to document GC(XXXIV)/936 and the Addendum thereto, which set forth the reservations of the Arab delegations members of the League of Arab States participating in the current session of the Conference concerning the credentials of the delegate of Israel.

5. Mr. ASHRI (Saudi Arabia) requested that the reservations set forth in document GC(XXXIV)/936 and Add.1 be reflected in the Committee's report and in the summary record of the present meeting.[*]

6. Mr. HALIM (Malaysia) said that for the reasons set forth in document GC(XXXIV)/936, his delegation, too, had reservations about the credentials of the delegate of Israel.

7. Mr. NEWLIN (Chairman of the Committee of the Whole), speaking as a member of the United States delegation, regretted that some delegations had expressed reservations about the credentials of the delegate of Israel. The Committee had no mandate to question a delegate's credentials on purely

[*] See Annex.

political grounds but should accept all credentials submitted to it unless they clearly did not meet the requirements of the Rules of Procedure.

8. At the same time, he wished to make it clear that the United States continued to be deeply concerned about the situation in Afghanistan. That he was not pressing an objection with regard to the delegate of that country should in no way be construed as acceptance by the United States of the régime in Kabul as legitimate or representative of the Afghan people.

9. Mr. PAREJA CUCALON (Ecuador) considered that if the credentials of a delegate satisfied the two basic conditions of the Rules of Procedure, namely that they had been submitted seven days in advance and that they had been issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Member concerned, they should be accepted.

10. Mr. ZOBOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) expressed his delegation's regret at the statement made concerning Afghanistan. On the one hand, appeals were voiced for depoliticization of the Agency, while on the other hand, an attempt at politicization was being made in opposition to the objectives of the Agency. The statement in question was not in harmony with the constructive spirit which had so far characterized the current session of the General Conference. He hoped that such attempts would be confined to the present Committee, and that the Plenary meetings would remain unhampered by the unnecessary polemics of political statements.

11. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee submit to the General Conference a report stating that the Committee had met to examine the credentials of delegates in accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure and fully reflecting the reservations regarding the credentials of the delegate of Israel contained in document GC(XXXIV)/936 and the Addendum thereto and the comments made regarding the credentials of the delegate of Afghanistan, together with lists of the Member States whose delegates were in possession of satisfactory credentials and of those for whose delegates the Director General had received communications not complying with Rule 27. The report could indicate that, following the practice of previous years, the General Committee considered that delegates in the latter category should be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference on the understanding that

for each such delegate proper credentials would be submitted to the Director General as soon as possible. Lastly, the report could recommend that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution:

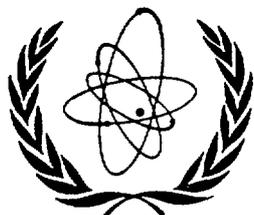
"EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

"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)/..."

12. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 9.50 a.m.



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

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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.