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**RECORD OF THE SECOND MEETING**

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on Thursday, 19 September 1996, at 9.20 a.m.

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## ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

### Chairman

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

### Members

Mr. WALKER (Canada), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. DASQUE, representing Mr. D'ESCATHA (France), Vice-President of the  
General Conference

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

Mr. IDE, representing Mr. IKEDA (Japan), Vice-President of the  
General Conference

Mr. HOBEICA (Lebanon), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. ARGÜELLO HURTADO (Nicaragua), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. KONACHKOV, representing Mr. MIKHAILOV (Russian Federation),  
Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. AYATOLLAHI (Islamic Republic of Iran), Chairman of the Committee of  
the Whole

Mr. MICHAELIDES (Cyprus), Additional Member

Ms. OGNJANOVAC, representing Ms. BEŠKER (Croatia), Additional Member

Ms. LAJOUS VARGAS (Mexico), Additional Member

Mr. MAZILU, representing Mr. PALADE (Romania), Additional Member

Mr. SNYDER, representing Ms. O'LEARY (United States of America), Additional  
Member

### Secretariat

Mr. SANMUGANATHAN, Secretary of the Committee

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING (GC(40)/GEN/2)

1. The CHAIRMAN asked whether the Committee was prepared to approve the proposed agenda contained in document GC(40)/GEN/2.
2. It was so decided.

EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

3. The CHAIRMAN, after drawing attention to Rules 27, 28 and 29 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure and recalling that under Rule 27 credentials designated the delegate of a Member State to a given session of the General Conference, were submitted to the Director General, and must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, said that 83 delegates had submitted credentials complying with Rule 27 and that, in respect of 27 others, the Secretariat had received communications which did not constitute credentials satisfying the requirements of that Rule. All the delegates to the current session of the General Conference fell within one or other of those two categories.
4. Mr. MAZILU (Romania), after appealing to delegations in future to arrive in possession of proper credentials, proposed that, following past practice, the Committee should as an exception accept documents which did not constitute credentials that complied with the Conference's Rules of Procedure, thereby allowing the delegates of the States in question to participate in the work of the General Conference.
5. It was so decided.
6. The CHAIRMAN, recalling that in document GC(40)/25 Saudi Arabia had submitted, on behalf of members of the League of Arab States participating in the current session of the General Conference, reservations about the credentials of the delegate of Israel, proposed that the Committee take note of those reservations and

that they should be fully reflected in the Committee's report to the General Conference and in the summary record of the meeting.<sup>1</sup>

7. Mr. AYATOLLAHI (Chairman of the Committee of the Whole), speaking on behalf of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, said that it associated itself with the reservations expressed with regard to the credentials submitted by the delegate of Israel in the statement attached to document GC(40)/25.

8. Mr. SNYDER (United States of America) said that the delegate of Israel had submitted proper credentials and that he saw no reason not to accept them.

9. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee submit to the General Conference a report stating that it had met to examine the credentials of delegates in accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure and containing lists of those Member States whose delegates had, in its view, submitted 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 past practice, the Committee considered that delegates in the latter category should be allowed to participate in the work of the General Conference, on the understanding that for each of them proper credentials would be submitted to the Director General as soon as possible - preferably before the end of the current session. The report should then refer to the reservations expressed by Saudi Arabia on behalf of the League of Arab States and by the Islamic Republic of Iran with regard to the credentials of the delegate of Israel and to the objections to those reservations expressed by the United States. Lastly, the Committee could recommend that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution:

"EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS"

"The General Conference,

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<sup>1</sup> See statement attached to this record.

"Accepts the report by the General Committee on its examination of the credentials of delegates to the Conference's fortieth regular session which is set forth in document GC(40)/...".

10. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 9.35 a.m.

**Statement of Arab delegations concerning their reservations about  
the credentials submitted by the Israeli delegation to the  
fortieth session of the IAEA General Conference  
in Vienna**

Mr. Chairman,

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

- (1) Israel has annexed the city of Jerusalem, regarding it as its capital in spite of the relevant United Nations resolutions and in particular Security Council resolutions 252, 267, 271, 298, 465, 476 and 478 adopted in various years and General Assembly resolution E 169/35 of 15 December 1980, which considered all administrative and legal measures taken after the occupation of the city of Jerusalem 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 delegation of Israel have been issued from occupied Jerusalem;
- (2) 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. It continues to occupy part of South Lebanon and Western Beqaa, and to refuse to apply Security Council resolution 425 on this subject.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.



**Names of Arab States making the Statement concerning their reservations  
about the credentials submitted by the Israeli delegation to the fortieth  
session of the IAEA General Conference, 16-20 September 1996**

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Sudan

Kingdom of Morocco

Algeria

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Kuwait

Tunisia

Syrian Arab Republic

Iraq

Republic of Yemen

Jordan

Lebanon

United Arab Emirates

State of Qatar