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Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

1. At its second meeting, on 20 September 2007, 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. Credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure have been submitted to the Director General for the delegates of the following 98 Members:

Albania	China	Ghana
Angola	Colombia	Greece
Argentina	Costa Rica	Holy See
Armenia	Cote d'Ivoire	Hungary
Australia	Croatia	Iceland
Austria	Cuba	India
Azerbaijan	Cyprus	Indonesia
Bangladesh	Czech Republic	Iraq
Belarus	Denmark	Ireland
Belgium	Dominican Republic	Israel
Bolivia	Ecuador	Italy
Botswana	Egypt	Japan
Brazil	El Salvador	Jordan
Bulgaria	Estonia	Korea, Republic of
Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Kuwait
Cameroon	Finland	Latvia
Canada	France	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Chad	Georgia	Liechtenstein
Chile	Germany	Lithuania

Madagascar	Philippines	The former Yugoslav
Malaysia	Poland	Republic of Macedonia
Malta	Portugal	Tunisia
Mauritius	Qatar	Turkey
Mexico	Republic of Moldova	Ukraine
Monaco	Romania	United Kingdom of Great
Mongolia	Russian Federation	Britain and Northern Ireland
Morocco	Slovakia	United States of America
Mozambique	Slovenia	Uruguay
Myanmar	South Africa	Vietnam
Netherlands	Sri Lanka	Yemen
New Zealand	Sweden	Zambia
Níger	Switzerland	Zimbabwe
Nigeria	Syrian Arab Republic	
Norway	Thailand	

4. Various official communications, which do not constitute formal credentials under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure have been received by the Secretariat. Copies of original credentials have been received for the delegates of the following 15 Members: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guatemala, Haiti, Kenya, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mali, Namibia, Pakistan, Peru, Senegal and Venezuela. Communications in the form of notes, or letters or telefax copies emanating from Permanent Missions or other authorities have been received for the delegates of the following 20 Members: Benin, Gabon, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Malawi, Mauritania, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania and Uzbekistan.

5. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(51)/29) containing reservations submitted by the Head of the Mission of the League of Arab States on behalf of certain Arab delegations participating in the 51st General Conference, concerning their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegation to the Conference. The Chairman also pointed out that the Committee had also received a document (GC(51)/30) submitted by the delegation of Israel which sets out its position with regard to the reservations expressed by the Head of the Mission of the League of Arab States on behalf of certain Arab delegations participating in the 51st General Conference.

6. Further, the Chairman of the Committee proposed that, in accordance with past practice, those delegates for whom proper credentials had not been received should, nevertheless, be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference on the understanding that they would submit credentials in due form as soon as possible, preferably before the end of the current session of the Conference.

7. The Committee, with the reservations and positions expressed above, agreed to recommend that the 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 fifty-first regular session, which is set forth in document GC(51)/31.”