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Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

1. At its second meeting, on 3 October 2008, 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 102 Members:

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| Algeria | China | Iceland |
| Angola | Colombia | India |
| Argentina | Costa Rica | Indonesia |
| Australia | Croatia | Iraq |
| Austria | Cuba | Ireland |
| Azerbaijan | Cyprus | Israel |
| Bangladesh | Czech Republic | Italy |
| Belarus | Denmark | Japan |
| Benin | Egypt | Jordan |
| Bolivia | El Salvador | Kazakhstan |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Estonia | Korea, Republic of |
| Botswana | Ethiopia | Kuwait |
| Brazil | Finland | Latvia |
| Bulgaria | France | Libyan Arab Jamahiriya |
| Burkina Faso | Ghana | Liechtenstein |
| Cameroon | Greece | Lithuania |
| Canada | Guatemala | Luxembourg |
| Chad | Holy See | Madagascar |
| Chile | Hungary | Malawi |

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| Malaysia | Portugal | The former Yugoslav |
| Malta | Republic of Moldova | Republic of Macedonia |
| Mauritius | Romania | Tunisia |
| Mexico | Russian Federation | Turkey |
| Monaco | Saudi Arabia | Uganda |
| Mongolia | Serbia | Ukraine |
| Montenegro | Singapore | United Arab Emirates |
| Morocco | Slovakia | United Kingdom of Great |
| Myanmar | Slovenia | Britain and Northern Ireland |
| Netherlands | South Africa | United Republic of |
| New Zealand | Spain | Tanzania |
| Norway | Sri Lanka | United States of America |
| Pakistan | Sweden | Uruguay |
| Paraguay | Switzerland | Vietnam |
| Philippines | Syrian Arab Republic | Zambia |
| Poland | Thailand | Zimbabwe |

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 9 Members: Afghanistan, Belgium, Gabon, Lebanon, Namibia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Peru and Seychelles. 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 24 Members: Albania, Armenia, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Georgia, Germany, Haiti, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Panama, Qatar, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tajikistan, Venezuela and Yemen.

5. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document GC(52)/27 containing reservations submitted by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco, on behalf of certain Arab delegations participating in the 52nd 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(52)/28) submitted by the delegation of Israel which sets out its position with regard to the reservations expressed by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco on behalf of certain Arab delegations participating in the 52nd 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-second regular session, which is set forth in document GC(52)/29.”