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Attendance

Chair

Ms ANGARA COLLINSON (Philippines), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr HAMMER (Australia), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr SPASSOV, representing Mr KOSTOV (Bulgaria), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr KYRÖLÄINEN (Finland), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr ANING (Ghana), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr NAJAFI, representing Mr SALEHI (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-President of the General Conference

Ms BUENROSTRO MASSIEU (Mexico), Vice-President of the General Conference

Ms BATTUNGALAG (Mongolia), Vice-President of the General Conference

Ms SHAMPAINE (United States of America), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr STALDER (Switzerland), Chair of the Committee of the Whole

Mr PACHECO, representing Ms DOS REIS FERREIRA (Angola), Additional Member

Mr LAROSE, representing Ms HULAN (Canada), Additional Member

Mr ŠTĚPÁNEK, representing Ms DRÁBOVÁ (Czech Republic), Additional Member

Mr ALOBAIDI, representing Mr MARAFI (Kuwait), Additional Member

Mr PÉREZ ALVÁN, representing Mr ROJAS SAMANEZ (Peru), Additional Member

Mr POSTNIKOV, representing Mr FERAPANTOV (Russian Federation), Additional Member

Chair of the Board of Governors

Mr SEOKOLO (South Africa)

Secretariat

Ms HAYWARD, Deputy Director General, Department of Management

Ms WIJewardane, Secretary of the Committee

– **Adoption of the agenda for the meeting**

(GC(61)/GEN/2)

1. The CHAIR asked the Committee whether it wished to adopt the provisional agenda contained in document GC(61)/GEN/2.
2. The agenda was adopted.

– **Examination of delegates' credentials**

GC(61)/27 and Add.1, GC(61)/28

3. The CHAIR proposed that the General Committee meet as a credentials committee and take up the examination of delegates' credentials.
4. Recalling Rule 27 of the General Conference's Rules of Procedure, she said that credentials designated the delegate of a Member State to a given session of the General Conference, that they were submitted to the Director General and that they were issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of that Member State. The Committee's task was limited to ascertaining whether the requirements of Rule 27 had been satisfied.
5. The Director General had received credentials in due form for 113 delegates. Also, the Secretariat had received communications in respect of 45 delegates that did not constitute formal credentials meeting the requirements of Rule 27. Ten Member States were not participating and had not submitted any credentials.
6. Document GC(61)/27 and Add.1 contained a statement submitted by a number of Arab States members of the Agency participating in the sixty-first regular session of the General Conference, as listed in the document, regarding their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegate.
7. Document GC(61)/28 contained a communication from the Resident Representative of Israel setting out Israel's position with regard to those reservations.
8. Mr NAJAFI (Islamic Republic of Iran) expressed his country's reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegate.
9. The CHAIR 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 a list of Member States whose delegates had, in the Committee's opinion, submitted credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, and another list indicating the Member States for whose delegates the Director General had received communications that did not comply with that rule.
10. In accordance with past practice, the report could indicate that the Committee considered that delegates in the latter category 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.

11. The report should further state that the Committee had had before it, in document GC(61)/27 and Add.1, a statement submitted by a number of Arab States members of the Agency participating in the current session, as listed in that document, regarding their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegate and that the Committee had also had before it, in document GC(61)/28, a communication setting out Israel's position with regard to those reservations. In addition, the report should reflect the reservations regarding the Israeli delegate's credentials expressed by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

12. Finally, the report should state that the Committee, with the aforementioned reservations and position, had agreed to recommend that the Conference adopt the following draft resolution:

13. "Examination of delegates' credentials:

14. "The General Conference

15. "Accepts the report by the General Committee on its examination of the credentials of delegates to the Conference's sixty-first regular session, which is set forth in document GC(61)/29."

16. She asked whether the General Committee wished a report on the lines she had described to be prepared and submitted to the General Conference.

17. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 9.25 a.m.