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EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

Report of the General Committee

1. At its twenty-sixth meeting on 23 September the General Committee examined the credentials of delegates to the session, as provided for in Rule 28 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure.^{1/}
2. The Chairman of the Committee announced that credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure had been submitted to the Director General for the delegates of the following 71 Members:

Algeria
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Bangladesh

Denmark
Ecuador
Egypt
Finland
France

Belgium
Brazil
Bulgaria
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist
Republic
Canada

German Democratic Republic
Germany, Federal Republic of
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala

Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Czechoslovakia

Holy See
Hungary
India
Iraq
Ireland

^{1/} GC (XIX)/INF/152.

Israel
Japan
Korea, Republic of
Kuwait
Libyan Arab Republic

Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Malaysia
Mexico^{2/}
Monaco^{2/}

Mongolia
Netherlands
Niger
Nigeria
Norway

Pakistan
Panama
Philippines
Poland
Portugal

Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
South Africa
Spain

Sudan
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand

Ukrainian Soviet Socialist
Republic
Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania

United States of America
Uruguay
Venezuela
Yugoslavia
Zaire
Zambia

3. The Chairman of the Committee announced further that various official communications received by the Secretariat with respect to the status of the delegates of the following nine Members did not constitute credentials that satisfied the provisions of Rule 27:

Bolivia
Indonesia
Iran
Italy
Paraguay
Peru
Romania
Sri Lanka
Turkey.

^{2/} A cable has been received in the meantime that the delegate of Monaco is unable to attend.

4. The views expressed in the course of the discussion are reflected below.

- (a) The representative of Nigeria stated that the Committee should not recognize the credentials of South Africa because of its Government's policy of apartheid and racial discrimination. He believed that the examination of credentials was not only a technical question linked to the Rules of Procedure, but must also take account of the Statute, which stipulated the responsibilities of Members of the Agency. South Africa had been expelled from participation in the work of some international organizations, there were United Nations resolutions on this problem, and, moreover, the white minority régime did not represent the majority of the people of South Africa.
- (b) The representative of Nigeria was supported by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, India, Romania, Kuwait and the German Democratic Republic.
- (c) The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole stated that adherence to the Rules of Procedure was important, but being an African he could not help but sympathize with the position taken by the representative of Nigeria.
- (d) The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that his delegation supported the proposal of Nigeria on the non-recognition of the credentials of South Africa. His delegation was against the policy of apartheid and discrimination which was widely condemned by the United Nations and other international organizations. The Soviet delegation also called for the non-recognition of the credentials of the Chilean junta and of South Korea.
- (e) The representative of Romania also called for the non-recognition of the credentials of South Korea.
- (f) The representative of Kuwait expressed his agreement with the rejection of the credentials of the Republic of South Africa, as proposed by the representative of Nigeria, for the reasons indicated by the latter. He inquired as to whether such rejection could be decided upon in the General Committee or otherwise at the General Conference; it was immaterial to him as to where the rejection was made.
- (g) The representative of the German Democratic Republic supported the statement made by the representative of Nigeria and called furthermore for the non-recognition of the credentials of the Chilean junta and South Korea.

- (h) On the other hand, six other members of the Committee, the representatives of the United States of America, Japan, the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, France and Canada, indicated in their statements that the Committee should confine its attention as to whether credentials submitted were in good and proper order in accordance with Rules 27 and 28 and avoid consideration of the political character of any Government.
- (i) Thus, the representative of the United States of America stated that the report of the General Committee should adhere to Rules 27 and 28 of the Rules of Procedure. He was supported by some representatives.
- (j) The representative of Japan stated that the policies of Governments were beyond the competence of the Committee.
- (k) The representative of the Federal Republic of Germany associated himself with the statements made by the representatives of the United States of America and Japan.
- (l) The representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland stated that the United Kingdom strongly condemned the policy of apartheid, but that the task of the Committee was purely the examination of the credentials of the delegates. The credentials of South Africa were in order and therefore they should be accepted.
- (m) The representative of France stated that the Committee was called upon to examine the technical problems of credentials and that those should not be turned into political problems.
- (n) The representative of Canada, in stating that the examination of credentials was a technical matter, shared the views expressed by the representatives of the United States of America, Japan and others. He further stated that he was very sympathetic to the objectives of the Nigerian representative who, as he understood it, considered that the Agency should try to influence the Government of South Africa to abandon its policy of apartheid and racism. Canada strongly condemned that policy. The mandate of the Committee, however, was a technical, legal matter and it was not within the Committee's powers to pronounce upon the policies of Member States.
- (o) The representative of Mexico stated his country's condemnation of the régime of apartheid. However, he also said that when discussion on this point took place, his statement would reflect the position taken by the Latin American countries.

(p) The Chairman of the Board of Governors said that the Committee should apply Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure.

5. It was the consensus of the Committee that in line with past practice those delegates for whom satisfactory credentials had not been received should be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference, on the understanding that satisfactory credentials for each of them would be submitted to the Director General as soon as possible.

6. The Committee recommends the Conference to adopt the following draft resolution:

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The General Conference

Accepts the report by the General Committee on its examination of the credentials of delegates to the Conference's twentieth regular session which is set forth in document GC(XX)/575.

