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### RECORD OF THE FORTY-NINTH MEETING

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on Thursday, 2 October 1986, at 5.10 p.m.

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[\*] A provisional version of this document was issued on 10 October 1986.

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ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Chairman

Mr. RAMANNA (India), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr. RAMTANI, representing Mr. CHERIF (Algeria), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. BAEYENS, representing Mr. CAPRON (France), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. PALOMO SILVA, representing Mr. CASTILLO CONTOUX (Guatemala), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. TSUKADA, representing Mr. MURATA (Japan), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. BADRAN (Jordan), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. CHUTHASMIT (Thailand), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. ZOBOV, representing Mr. PETROSYANTS (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. BETTAUER, representing Mr. HERRINGTON (United States of America), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. BARRE d'ERQUELINNES (Belgium), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. STANCEL, representing Mr. HAVEL (Czechoslovakia), Additional Member

Mr. THOMPSON, representing Mr. FITZGERALD (Ireland), Additional Member

Mr. OMWONY (Kenya), Additional Member

Mr. KANIEWSKI, representing Mr. SOWINSKI (Poland), Additional Member

Mr. COSTANZO (Uruguay), Additional Member

Mr. ALER (Sweden), representing Ms. SUDIRDJO (Indonesia), Chairman of the Board of Governors

Secretariat

Mr. SANMUGANATHAN, Secretary of the Committee

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

1. The CHAIRMAN asked whether the Committee wished to adopt the provisional agenda contained in document GC(XXX)/GEN/70.

2. It was so decided.

EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

3. The CHAIRMAN, after referring to Rules 27, 28 and 29 of the Rules of Procedure and summarizing Rule 27 on the basis of an opinion given by the United Nations Legal Counsel some years previously, said that the Committee's task was simply to ascertain that the requirements of Rule 27 had been satisfied. The present situation was the following: 87 delegates had submitted credentials complying with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, while in respect of 15 delegates the Secretariat had received communications which did not constitute proper credentials meeting the requirements of that Rule. If any member of the Committee wished to know to which category a particular delegate belonged, that information would be provided orally at once.

4. Mr. RAMTANI (Algeria) expressed reservations concerning the credentials of the Israeli delegate, which he considered invalid for a number of reasons. First, the borders of Israel were not internationally recognized since they included parts of the territories of other States illegally occupied and annexed. Secondly, the status of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel had never been recognized by the international community. Thirdly, Israel had persistently denied the original population of Palestine its right to self-determination.

5. Mr. BADRAN (Jordan), speaking on behalf of his own delegation and of those of Algeria, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates, expressed reservations concerning the credentials of the Israeli delegate. Emanating as they did from Jerusalem, those credentials were unacceptable and contrary to resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly concerning the international status of that city.

6. In addition, Israel was occupying Arab territories against the will of the population, which it had no right to represent.

7. Mr. BETTAUER (United States of America) said that, while he did not wish to discuss the arguments of the representatives of Algeria and Jordan, their statements regarding the credentials of the delegate of Israel were not relevant to the task of the Committee as outlined by the Chairman.

8. On the other hand, his Government was deeply concerned about the situation in Afghanistan, and the fact that it did not make any objection concerning the credentials of the delegate of Afghanistan did not mean that the United States acquiesced in the Soviet armed intervention in that country. The régime installed in Afghanistan, which was maintained in power solely by the Soviet occupation, was not representative of the Afghan people.

9. Mr. ZOBOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) supported the statements by the representatives of Algeria and Jordan. The remarks by the United States representative concerning the credentials of the delegate of Afghanistan, on the other hand, were entirely irrelevant and constituted propaganda. It was, in fact, surprising to hear those remarks at a time when an atmosphere of co-operation was otherwise prevailing in the General Conference and within the Agency as a whole.

10. Moreover, he wished to express his own delegation's reservations with regard to the credentials of the Chilean delegate.

11. Mr. BETTAUER (United States of America) objected to the reservations of the representative of the Soviet Union concerning the credentials of the Chilean delegate for the reasons he had stated in connection with the credentials of the Israeli delegate.

12. Mr. BAEYENS (France), supporting the statement by the representative of the United States with regard to the credentials of the delegate of Israel, said that none of the remarks made by other speakers had been relevant to the strictly legal criteria which should guide the Committee.

13. Mr. COSTANZO (Uruguay) said that his delegation was in favour of universality in international bodies and was therefore not in favour of credentials submitted in the proper form being rejected, nor of certain countries being excluded from the international community. That applied to Israel, Chile and any other State.

14. Mr. CHUTHASMIT (Thailand) said that the principle of universality should be respected in international organizations, including the Agency, and credentials submitted in conformity with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure should be accepted.
15. Mr. CASTILLO CONTOUX (Guatemala) said that differences between States should be settled bilaterally by peaceful means. The Committee should therefore abide by United Nations practice and accept the credentials of the delegate of Israel as being valid.
16. Mr. THOMPSON (Ireland) did not accept that the reservations expressed concerning the credentials of the delegate of Israel were relevant to the technical and legal considerations which alone should be the concern of the Committee.
17. Mr. STANCEL (Czechoslovakia) associated himself with those who had expressed reservations concerning the credentials of the Israeli delegate.
18. Mr. BARRE d'ERQUELINNES (Chairman of the Committee of the Whole) asked whether it would be in order for him to speak as a member of the Belgian delegation.
19. Mr. SANMUGANATHAN (Secretary of the Committee) said that that would be in order.
20. Mr. BARRE d'ERQUELINNES (Chairman of the Committee of the Whole), speaking as a member of the Belgian delegation, supported the statement by the United States representative with regard to the credentials of the delegate of Israel.
21. Mr. TSUKADA (Japan) said that, since the credentials of the delegate of Israel had been issued in accordance with international practice, they should be accepted as being valid.
22. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee submit to the General Conference a report[1] stating that the Committee had met to examine the credentials of delegates in accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure and containing a summary of the statements made concerning the acceptance of

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[1] Subsequently issued as document GC(XXX)/796, to which an Addendum was also issued.

credentials, together with lists of the Member States whose delegates were in possession of 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 the practice of previous years, the General Committee considered that delegates in the latter category should be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference on the understanding that for each such delegate proper credentials would be submitted to the Director General as soon as possible. Lastly, the report could recommend that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution:

"The General Conference

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

23. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 5.35 p.m.