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EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

Report of the General Committee

1. At its second meeting, on 19 September 2002, 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.

<p>For reasons of economy, this document has been printed in a limited number. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to meetings.</p>

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 95 Members:

Albania	Greece	Philippines
Algeria	Guatemala	Poland
Angola	Holy See	Romania
Argentina	Hungary	Russian Federation
Armenia	Iceland	Saudi Arabia
Austria	India	Senegal
Azerbaijan	Indonesia	Singapore
Bangladesh	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Slovakia
Belarus	Iraq	Slovenia
Belgium	Ireland	South Africa
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Israel	Spain
Botswana	Italy	Sri Lanka
Brazil	Japan	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Jordan	Syrian Arab Republic
Burkina Faso	Korea, Republic of	Thailand
Cameroon	Latvia	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Canada	Liechtenstein	Tunisia
Chile	Lithuania	Turkey
China	Luxembourg	Ukraine
Costa Rica	Madagascar	United Arab Emirates
Croatia	Malaysia	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Cuba	Malta	United Republic of Tanzania
Cyprus	Mexico	Uruguay
Czech Republic	Monaco	Venezuela
Denmark	Mongolia	Viet Nam
Ecuador	Morocco	Yemen
Egypt	Myanmar	Yugoslavia
Estonia	Namibia	
Ethiopia	Netherlands	
Finland	New Zealand	
France	Nigeria	
Georgia	Norway	
Germany	Panama	
Ghana	Peru	

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 Members¹: Afghanistan, Benin, Bolivia, Colombia, Lebanon, Pakistan, Portugal, Uganda and Zimbabwe. 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 15 Members: Australia, Gabon, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Nicaragua, Republic of Moldova, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Sweden, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Zambia.

5. The Chairman of the Committee then pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(46)/23) submitted by the Ambassador of Sudan on behalf of those Arab States which had signed the document, containing a statement concerning their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegation to the Conference. The Chairman also pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(46)/24) submitted by the delegation of Israel which set out its position with regard to the reservations expressed by the Ambassador of Sudan on behalf of the aforementioned Arab States participating in the Conference.

6. A statement was made by the representative of Jordan. On the invitation of the Chairman of the Committee, the representative of Israel also spoke. These statements will be fully reflected in the records of the Committee's meeting (GC(46)/GEN/OR.2).

7. 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.

8. Finally, the Chairman read the following draft of a 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 forty-sixth regular session which is set forth in document GC(46)/25”.

9. The Committee agreed to recommend that the Conference adopt the draft resolution contained in paragraph 8, with the reservations and position expressed above.

¹ Following the meeting of the General Committee, a copy of original credentials was submitted by Kuwait.