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Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

1. At its second meeting, on 29 September 2005, 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 96 Members:

Algeria	Côte d'Ivoire	India
Angola	Croatia	Indonesia
Argentina	Cuba	Iran, Islamic Republic of
Armenia	Cyprus	Ireland
Australia	Czech Republic	Israel
Austria	Denmark	Italy
Azerbaijan	Ecuador	Japan
Belarus	Egypt	Jordan
Belgium	Estonia	Kenya
Bolivia	Ethiopia	Korea, Republic of
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Finland	Latvia
Brazil	France	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Bulgaria	Germany	Liechtenstein
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Lithuania
Cameroon	Greece	Luxembourg
Canada	Haiti	Madagascar
Chile	Holy See	Malaysia
China	Hungary	Malta
Colombia	Iceland	Mexico

Monaco	Philippines	Tunisia
Mongolia	Poland	Turkey
Morocco	Portugal	Ukraine
Myanmar	Republic of Moldova	United Arab Emirates
Namibia	Russian Federation	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Netherlands	Saudi Arabia	United Republic of Tanzania
New Zealand	Seychelles	United States of America
Nicaragua	Slovakia	Uruguay
Niger	Slovenia	Vietnam
Nigeria	Sri Lanka	Yemen
Norway	Sweden	Zambia
Pakistan	Switzerland	Zimbabwe
Peru	Syrian Arab Republic	
	Thailand	

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 13 Members: Botswana, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Qatar, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, South Africa and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. 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 17 Members: Afghanistan (Islamic Republic of), Albania, Bangladesh, Benin, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Panama, Paraguay, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Venezuela.

5. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(49)/24) containing reservations submitted by the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman (the Dean of the Arab Diplomatic Corps in Vienna) on behalf of certain Arab delegations participating in the 49th 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(49)/26) submitted by the delegation of Israel which sets out its position with regard to the reservations expressed by the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman on behalf of certain Arab delegations participating in the 49th 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 forty-ninth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(49)/27.”