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Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

- 1. At its second meeting, on 17 September 2009, 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 106 Members:

Chile Albania Germany Algeria China Ghana Costa Rica Greece Angola Côte d'Ivoire Argentina Guatemala Armenia Croatia Haiti Australia Holy See Cuba Austria Cyprus Hungary Czech Republic Iceland Azerbaijan Bahrain Denmark India Dominican Republic Bangladesh Indonesia

Bolivia El Salvador Iran, Islamic Republic of

Bosnia and HerzegovinaEstoniaIrelandBotswanaEthiopiaIsraelBulgariaFinlandItalyCameroonFranceJapanCanadaGeorgiaJordan

KazakhstanNicaraguaSudanKorea, Republic ofNigerSwedenLatviaNorwaySwitzerlandLesothoOmanSvrian Arab

Lesotho Oman Syrian Arab Republic

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Pakistan Thailand

Lithuania Panama The Former Yugoslav Luxembourg Peru Republic of Macedonia

MadagascarPolandTunisiaMalaysiaPortugalTurkey

Malta Republic of Moldova **United Arab Emirates** Mauritius Romania United Kingdom of Great Mexico Russian Federation Britain and Northern Ireland Saudi Arabia United Republic of Tanzania Monaco Mongolia Senegal United States of America Venezuela, Bolivarian

MontenegroSerbiaVenezuela, BoMoroccoSingaporeRepublic ofMozambiqueSlovakiaVietnamMyanmarSloveniaZambiaNepalSouth AfricaZimbabwe

Netherlands Spain
New Zealand Sri Lanka

- 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 14 Members: Afghanistan (Islamic Republic of), Belarus, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Ecuador, Gabon, Kuwait, Lebanon, Namibia, Nigeria, Philippines, Uganda and Ukraine. Communications in the form of notes, letters or telefax or electronic copies emanating from Permanent Missions or other authorities have been received for the delegates of the following 16 Members: Brazil, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Iraq, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Mali, Paraguay, Qatar, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Yemen.
- 5. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document GC(53)/29 submitted by the Ambassador of Lebanese Republic in Vienna, on behalf of the Arab States members of the IAEA participating in the work of the 53rd session of the 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(53)/30 submitted by the delegation of Israel which sets out its position with regard to the reservations expressed by the Ambassador of Lebanese Republic on behalf of the Arab States members of the IAEA participating in the work of the 53rd session of the 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,

<u>Accepts</u> the report by the General Committee on its examination of the credentials of delegates to the Conference's fifty-third regular session, which is set forth in document GC(53)/31."