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Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

1. At its second meeting, on 20 September 2012, 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 109 Members:

Albania	Canada	France
Algeria	Chile	Georgia
Armenia	China	Germany
Australia	Côte d'Ivoire	Ghana
Austria	Croatia	Greece
Azerbaijan	Cuba	Guatemala
Bahrain	Cyprus	Haiti
Bangladesh	Czech Republic	Holy See
Belarus	Democratic Republic of	Hungary
Belgium	the Congo	Iceland
Benin	Denmark	India
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Egypt	Iran, Islamic Republic of
Botswana	El Salvador	Iraq
Brazil	Estonia	Ireland
Bulgaria	Ethiopia	Israel
Burkina Faso	Finland	Italy

Jamaica	Namibia	Sweden
Japan	Netherlands	Switzerland
Jordan	New Zealand	Syrian Arab Republic
Korea, Republic of	Nicaragua	Thailand
Kuwait	Niger	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Latvia	Norway	Turkey
Lesotho	Oman	Uganda
Libya	Pakistan	Ukraine
Liechtenstein	Panama	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Lithuania	Paraguay	United Republic of Tanzania
Luxembourg	Peru	United States of America
Madagascar	Poland	Uruguay
Malaysia	Portugal	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
Mali	Qatar	Vietnam
Malta	Republic of Moldova	Zambia
Mauritania, Islamic Republic of	Romania	
Mauritius	Russian Federation	
Mexico	Saudi Arabia	
Monaco	Senegal	
Mongolia	Serbia	
Morocco	Singapore	
Mozambique	Slovakia	
Myanmar	Slovenia	
	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 17 Members: Afghanistan (Islamic Republic of), Congo, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, Tajikistan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen 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 16 Members: Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Cameroon, Chad, Colombia, Ecuador, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malawi, Montenegro, Nigeria, Philippines, Rwanda, Sudan and Uzbekistan.

5. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(56)/21) submitted by the Arab States, members of the IAEA, participating in the work of the 56th session of the General Conference of the IAEA, 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(56)/22) submitted by the Resident Representative of Israel to the IAEA, which sets out the position of Israel with regard to the reservations expressed by the Arab States, members of the IAEA, participating in the work of the 56th session of the General Conference.

6. Reservations regarding the credentials of Israel were also expressed by Iran (Islamic Republic of).

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. 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 fifty-sixth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(56)/23.”