

Fifty-seventh regular session

Item 27 of the agenda
(GC(57)/24)

Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

1. At its second meeting, on 19 September 2013, 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 112 Members:

Albania	Canada	France
Algeria	Chad	Georgia
Angola	Chile	Germany
Armenia	China	Ghana
Australia	Colombia	Greece
Austria	Costa Rica	Guatemala
Azerbaijan	Croatia	Holy See
Bahrain	Cuba	Hungary
Bangladesh	Cyprus	Iceland
Belarus	Czech Republic	India
Bolivia	Democratic Republic of	Iran, Islamic Republic of
Bosnia and Herzegovina	the Congo	Iraq
Botswana	Denmark	Ireland
Brazil	Egypt	Israel
Bulgaria	Estonia	Italy
Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Japan
Cameroon	Finland	Kazakhstan

Kenya	Nepal	Switzerland
Korea, Republic of	Netherlands	Syrian Arab Republic
Kuwait	New Zealand	Tajikistan
Laos	Nicaragua	Thailand
Latvia	Niger	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Lesotho	Norway	Togo
Libya	Oman	Trinidad and Tobago
Liechtenstein	Pakistan	Turkey
Lithuania	Panama	Uganda
Luxembourg	Paraguay	Ukraine
Madagascar	Poland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Malawi	Portugal	United Republic of Tanzania
Malaysia	Qatar	United States of America
Mali	Republic of Moldova	Vietnam
Malta	Romania	Zambia
Mauritius	Russian Federation	Zimbabwe
Mexico	Senegal	
Monaco	Serbia	
Mongolia	Singapore	
Morocco	Slovakia	
Mozambique	Slovenia	
Myanmar	Spain	
Namibia	Sweden	

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 20 Members: Afghanistan (Islamic Republic of), Belgium, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Lebanon, Palau, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela and Yemen. 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: Argentina, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Mauritania (Islamic Republic of), Montenegro, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Swaziland, Uruguay and Uzbekistan.

5. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(57)/26) submitted by the Arab States, members of the IAEA, participating in the fifty-seventh regular session of the IAEA General Conference, regarding their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegation. The Chairman also pointed out that the Committee had also received a document (GC(57)/27) 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 fifty-seventh regular session of the IAEA General Conference.

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

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-seventh regular session, which is set forth in document GC(57)/28.”