Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

1. At its meeting, on 2 December 2019, the General Committee examined the credentials of delegates to the second special session of the General Conference, as provided for in Rule 28 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure.

2. At the outset, the Chair of the Committee mentioned Rules 27, 28 and 29 of the Rules of Procedure, and recalled the following points of Rule 27 regarding the submission of credentials:

   (a) Credentials designate the delegate of a Member State to a given session of the General Conference;

   (b) They are to be submitted to the Director General; and

   (c) They are to be 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 Acting Director General for the delegates of the following 90 Members:

   Afghanistan       Czech Republic       India
   Algeria           Denmark            Iran, Islamic Republic of
   Armenia           Ecuador            Iraq
   Australia         Egypt              Ireland
   Austria           El Salvador        Israel
   Bahrain           Estonia            Italy
   Belarus           Ethiopia           Jordan
   Belgium           Fiji               Korea, Republic of
   Bosnia and Herzegovina Finland Lao People’s Democratic Republic
   Brazil            France            Latvia
   Bulgaria          Georgia            Liechtenstein
   Burkina Faso      Germany           Lithuania
   Chile             Greece            Luxembourg
   China             Guatemala         Malaysia
   Colombia          Holy See          Malta
   Costa Rica        Hungary           Mexico
   Cyprus

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4. Various official communications, which do not constitute formal credentials under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure have been received for the delegates of the following 42 Members: Albania; Angola; Argentina; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Benin; Brunei Darussalam; Burundi; Canada; Côte d’Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Djibouti; Dominican Republic; Ghana; Honduras; Indonesia; Japan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Kuwait; Kyrgyzstan; Lebanon; Libya; Mauritius; Mongolia; Montenegro; Nepal; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Nigeria; Panama; Philippines; Qatar; Republic of Moldova; Senegal; Singapore; Togo; Turkmenistan; Ukraine; United Republic of Tanzania; Yemen.

5. The Chair of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(SPL.2)/3) submitted by the Arab Member States of the IAEA participating in the second special session of the IAEA General Conference, regarding their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegation. The Chair also pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(SPL.2)/4) 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 Member States of the IAEA participating in the second special 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 Chair 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.

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 second special session of the General Conference, which is set forth in document GC(SPL.2)/5.”