REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mr. Nazir Ahmad (Pakistan)

1. At its first plenary meeting on 22 September 1958, the General Conference appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following members:

   - Australia
   - Ceylon
   - Pakistan
   - Peru
   - Sweden
   - Union of South Africa
   - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
   - United States of America
   - Venezuela

2. The Credentials Committee held a meeting on 23 September 1958, at which all members were represented.

3. Mr. Nazir Ahmad (Pakistan) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that his delegation did not recognize the credentials of the delegate of the Republic of China. He explained that the Government of the U.S.S.R. had not recognized the signature of the delegate of the Republic of China to the Statute as a valid signature for China. The U.S.S.R. could recognize as valid only credentials issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China. The delegate of the U.S.S.R. accordingly requested that the credentials of China should be put to a separate vote.
5. The delegate of the United States of America proposed that the Committee should recommend the General Conference:

(a) Not to consider, at its second regular session, any proposals to exclude the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China or to seat representatives of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China; and

(b) That the credentials of the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China conform with the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure.

6. The delegate of the U.S.S.R. stated that the Committee was not competent to take a decision on the first part of the motion proposed by the delegate of the United States because, according to the Rules of Procedure, the Committee's only responsibility was to deal with credentials. The Committee decided by six votes to one, with two abstentions, that it was competent to consider the motion of the delegate of the United States.

7. The Committee decided by seven votes to one, with one abstention, to consider the United States motion before that of the U.S.S.R., and put the two parts of the United States motion to a separate vote. The first part of the United States motion was adopted by six votes to three, with no abstention; the second part was adopted by six votes to two, with one abstention. The motion as a whole was adopted by six votes to three.

8. The representative of the U.S.S.R. explained that in his view the decision of the Committee was a violation of Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure as well as of the Rules of Procedure as a whole.

9. The delegate from Pakistan explained his vote by saying that his country had recognized the People's Republic of China and had very friendly relations with the People's Republic. But the question of representation at the Agency was a political one which should be decided at the United Nations and not in the Agency. If such political questions were raised in the Agency, its whole time would be taken up in those discussions and the Agency would not be able to do any useful work. He was therefore in favour of maintaining the status quo until the question was finally decided by the United Nations.
10. The delegate of the United States introduced a motion that the Committee should take no decision regarding the credentials submitted on behalf of the delegate of Hungary. The delegate of the U.S.S.R. stated that there was no reason to question the validity of the credentials issued by the lawful Government of the Hungarian People's Republic. The Committee adopted the United States motion by four votes to one, with four abstentions.

11. The delegate of the Union of South Africa stated that his Government had not recognized the present Government of Hungary but that his Government had no objections to the ratification of the Agency's Statute by the present Government of Hungary.

12. The delegate from Pakistan said that he had no information about the proposal and therefore could not receive any instruction from his Government.

13. The Committee found that credentials satisfying the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference had been submitted to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency for the delegates of the following Member States:

- Albania
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Burma
- Byelorussian S.S.R.
- Canada
- Ceylon
- China
- Czechoslovakia
- Denmark
- Dominican Republic
- Ethiopia
- Finland
- France
- Germany, Federal Republic of
- Greece
- Guatemala
- Iceland
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Israel
- Italy
- Korea, Republic of Luxembourg
- Mexico
- Morocco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Poland
- Romania
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Ukrainian S.S.R.
- Union of South Africa
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Vatican City
- Venezuela
- Viet-Nam
- Yugoslavia
14. The Committee further found that the credentials submitted for the
delegates of the following Member States did not satisfy the provisions
of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Cuba
- Haiti
- Japan
- Nicaragua
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Portugal
- Turkey
- United Arab Republic
- United States of America

15. The following Member States have not yet submitted any credentials
for their delegates:

- Cambodia
- El Salvador
- Honduras
- Sudan

16. The following Members have informed the Director General that they
do not intend to be represented at the current session of the General
Conference:

- Afghanistan
- Ecuador

The Government of the latter Member State informed the Director General
that it will be represented by an observer.

17. The Committee decided to ask the Secretary General of the General
Conference to request the delegates of the Member States to submit
credentials which would satisfy the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules
of Procedure of the General Conference. The Committee proposed that,
pending the submission of such credentials, the representatives concerned
should be seated provisionally with the same rights as other representatives.

18. The Committee unanimously decided to recommend the General Conference
to adopt the following draft resolution:

**CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES TO THE SECOND SESSION OF
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

_The General Conference_

_Approves_ the report of the Credentials Committee.