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

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	Guatemala	Sweden
Australia	Iceland	Switzerland
Austria	India	Thailand
Belgium	Indonesia	Tunisia
Bulgaria	Iran	Ukrainian S. S. R.
Burma	Israel	Union of South Africa
Byelorussian S. S. R.	Italy	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Canada	Korea, Republic of	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Ceylon	Luxembourg	Vatican City
China	Mexico	Venezuela
Czechoslovakia	Morocco	Viet-Nam
Denmark	Netherlands	Yugoslavia
Dominican Republic	New Zealand	
Ethiopia	Norway	
Finland	Pakistan	
France	Philippines	
Germany, Federal Republic of	Poland	
Greece	Romania	
	Spain	

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

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

Cambodia	Honduras
El Salvador	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:

CREENTIALS OF DELEGATES TO THE SECOND SESSION OF
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.
