

General Conference

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

Agenda item 8
(GC(III)/88)

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Dr. Marcel Roche (Venezuela)

1. At its 25th plenary meeting on 22 September 1959, the General Conference appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following members:

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| Ceylon | Philippines |
| Czechoslovakia | Union of Soviet Socialist Republics |
| Iran | United States of America |
| Italy | Venezuela |
| Peru | |

2. The Credentials Committee held meetings on 22, 23 and 24 September 1959, at which all members were represented.

3. Dr. Marcel Roche (Venezuela) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The delegate of Czechoslovakia stated that his delegation did not recognize as valid any credentials issued on behalf of China other than those issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China. He stated that there was only one China and its lawful Government, the Government of the People's Republic of China, was alone entitled to represent the Chinese people in the Agency. He moved a motion to exclude the name of China from the list of the delegations which had submitted their credentials for the General Conference.

5. The delegate from the Philippines stated that the credentials of the Chinese Republic were valid both with regard to their form and the authority by which they had been issued, which was the Government of a Member State of the Agency.

6. The delegate of the United States of America proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Conference the adoption of the draft resolution which is reproduced as draft resolution I at the end of this report. He declared that it was desirable that the General Conference, by adopting his draft, should follow the precedents set by the General Assembly of the United Nations and by other international bodies.
7. The delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that only delegates appointed by the Government of the Chinese People's Republic, which was the only lawful Government of China, were entitled to represent China in the General Conference and other organs of the Agency. Therefore he supported the proposal of the Czechoslovak delegate.
8. The delegate of Ceylon, supported by the delegates of Czechoslovakia and of the Soviet Union, stated that the Committee was not competent to take a decision on the first paragraph of the motion proposed by the delegate of the United States of America because, according to the Rules of Procedure, the Committee's only responsibility was to decide whether or not credentials were in order. The Committee decided by six votes to three that it was competent to decide on the United States motion.
9. The delegate of the United States of America proposed that its motion should be voted on before the motion of the Czechoslovak representative as set out in paragraph 4 above. The Committee decided by six votes to two with one abstention in favour of voting first on the United States motion.
10. The two paragraphs of the United States motion were put to separate votes; the first part was adopted by six votes to three, the second part was adopted by seven votes to two and the motion as a whole was adopted by six votes to two with one abstention.
11. The representative of the Soviet Union stated that the decision of the Committee was a violation of Rules 27 and 28 of the Rules of Procedure.
12. The delegate of the United States of America then introduced a motion that the Committee, recalling the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in regard to the Hungarian question, take no decision concerning the credentials submitted on behalf of the representatives of Hungary. The delegate of the Soviet Union stated that there was no reason

to question the validity of the credentials issued by the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic which fully conformed to Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure. The delegate of Czechoslovakia reaffirmed that the credentials of the delegate of the Hungarian People's Republic were fully in order. The Committee adopted the United States motion by seven votes to two.

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 Agency for the delegates of the following Member States:

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| Afghanistan | Mexico |
| Albania | Monaco |
| Argentina | Morocco |
| Australia | Netherlands |
| Austria | New Zealand |
| Belgium | Norway |
| Bulgaria | Peru |
| Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic | Philippines |
| Cambodia | Poland |
| Canada | Portugal |
| China | Romania |
| Czechoslovakia | Spain |
| Denmark | Sweden |
| Dominican Republic | Switzerland |
| El Salvador | Thailand |
| Finland | Tunisia |
| France | Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic |
| Germany, Federal Republic of | Union of South Africa |
| Greece | Union of Soviet Socialist Republics |
| Iceland | United States of America |
| Indonesia | United Arab Republic |
| Iraq | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| Israel | Vatican City |
| Italy | Yugoslavia |
| Japan | |
| Korea, Republic of | |
| Luxemburg | |

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:

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| Ceylon | India |
| Cuba | Iran |
| Ecuador | Nicaragua |
| Guatemala | Turkey |
| Honduras | Venezuela |
| | Viet-Nam |

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

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| Brazil | Pakistan |
| Ethiopia | Paraguay |
| Haiti | Sudan |

16. Burma informed the Director General that it does not intend to be represented at the third regular session of the General Conference.

17. The Committee decided to ask the Director General to request the Member States which had not already done so to submit credentials which would satisfy the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure. 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 decided by six votes to two with one abstention to recommend the General Conference to adopt the following two draft resolutions:

CREDENTIALS OF THE DELEGATES TO THE THIRD
SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

I

The General Conference,

1. Decides not to consider, at its third regular session, any proposals to exclude the delegate of the Government of the Republic of China or to seat the delegate of the Government of the People's Republic of China; and

2. Finds that the credentials of the delegate of the Government of the Republic of China conform with the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure.

II

The General Conference

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.