Fourth regular session

Item 5(b) of the provisional agenda

CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES TO THE FOURTH REGULAR SESSION

(b) REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mr. S. Yemisciibasi (Turkey)

1. At its 36th plenary meeting on 20 September 1960, the General Conference appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following members:

- Afghanistan
- Brazil
- Czechoslovak Socialist Republic
- New Zealand
- Peru
- Philippines
- Turkey
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- United States of America

2. The Credentials Committee held a meeting on 20 September 1960 at which all members were represented.

3. Mr. S. Yemisciibasi (Turkey) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The delegate of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic 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, who constituted one quarter of mankind, 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 People's Republic of China, 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 Czecho-Slovak delegate.

8. The delegate of the United States of America proposed that his motion should be voted on before the motion of the Czecho-Slovak representative as set out in paragraph 4 above. The Committee decided by six votes to three in favour of voting first on the United States motion.

9. The delegates of Czecho-Slovakia and 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 of the General Conference, 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 first paragraph of 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 six votes to three and the motion as a whole was adopted by six votes to three.

11. The delegates of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and of the Czecho-Slovak Socialist Republic, explaining their votes on the United States motion, stated that in their view the decision of the Committee was a violation of Rules 27 and 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference.

12. The delegate of the United States of America then introduced a motion that the Credentials Committee, bearing in mind the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in regard to the Hungarian question,
take no decision regarding 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 lawful Government of the Hungarian People's Republic. The delegates of Czechoslovakia and of Afghanistan also supported the validity of the Hungarian credentials reaffirming that the credentials of the delegate of the Hungarian People's Republic were fully in order. The delegate of Czechoslovakia said he could not understand the position of the delegate of the United States, since the latter's Government maintained diplomatic relations with the Hungarian People's Republic. The Committee adopted the United States motion by six votes to three.

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:

- Afghanistan
- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Burma
- Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
- Canada
- Ceylon
- China
- Czechoslovak Socialist Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany, Federal Republic of
- Holy See
- Iceland
- India
- Iraq
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea, Republic of
- Luxembourg
- Mexico
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
- Union of South Africa
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- United Arab Republic
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- United States of America
- 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:

- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Ethiopia
- Greece
- Honduras
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Morocco
- Venezuela

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

- Albania
- Brazil
- Cambodia
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Sudan

16. 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.

17. The Committee decided by six votes to three to recommend the General Conference to adopt the following two draft resolutions:

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

I

The General Conference

1. **Decides** not to consider, at its fourth regular session, any proposals to exclude the delegate of the Government of the Republic of China or to seat a 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.