Tenth regular session
Agenda item 3(b)
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CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES TO THE TENTH REGULAR SESSION

(b) REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mr. Helio F.S. Bittencourt (Brazil)

1. At its 102nd plenary meeting on 21 September 1966 the General Conference appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following members:

Belgium           New Zealand
Brazil            Philippines
Bulgaria          Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Gabon             United States of America
Lebanon

2. The Credentials Committee met on Monday, 26 September 1966.

3. Mr. Helio F.S. Bittencourt of Brazil was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that "his delegation did not recognize as valid any credentials issued by the Chiang Kai-shek regime which, in reality, did not represent anybody" and also said that this opinion was shared by other socialist countries Members of the Agency. He regretted also that the membership in the Agency was not yet universal and that, while the Federal Republic of Germany was represented, the German Democratic Republic had no possibility of participating in the activities of the Agency.

5. The delegate from the United States of America dissented from the remarks made by the delegate from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Conference the adoption of draft resolution I at the end of this report. He added that the issue of China's representation had been debated in the General Assembly of the United
Nations in 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1965, where proposals for a change had been rejected. He declared that it was desirable, that the General Conference, by adopting this draft, follow the precedent set by the General Assembly of the United Nations and by other international organizations.

6. The delegate of Bulgaria associated himself with the remarks made by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and said that the only lawful representative of China is the Government of the People's Republic of China.


8. The delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that his delegation opposed the proposal made by the delegate of the United States of America, and that he would vote against it.

9. The United States proposal was accepted by the Credentials Committee by seven votes in favour, two votes against and no abstentions.

10. 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 seventy Member States:

Afghanistan  
Argentina  
Australia  
Austria  
Belgium  
Brazil  
Bulgaria  
Burma  
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic  
Canada  
Ceylon  
Chile  
China  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Cuba  
Czechoslovak Socialist Republic  
Denmark  
Equador  
El Salvador  
Finland  
France  
Gabon  
Germany, Federal Republic of  
Ghana  
Greece  
Guatemala  
Holy See  
Hungary  
Iceland  
India  
Indonesia  
Iran  
Iraq  
Israel  
Italy  
Japan  
Korea, Republic of  
Lebanon  
Luxembourg
Mexico        Senegal
Monaco        South Africa
Morocco       Sweden
Netherlands   Switzerland
New Zealand   Thailand
Nicaragua     Tunisia
Norway        Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Pakistan      Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Panama        United Arab Republic
Peru          United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Philippines   United States of America
Poland        Uruguay
Portugal      Venezuela
Romania       Viet-Nam
Saudi Arabia  Yugoslavia

11. The Committee found that the credentials submitted for the delegates of the following seven Member States did not satisfy the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference; however, in accordance with the practice both of the Agency and of the United Nations and other international organisations, the Committee agreed that these credentials could be accepted as provisional, provided that the delegates concerned submitted satisfactory credentials as soon as possible:

Bolivia
Congo, Democratic Republic of
Kuwait
Madagascar
Spain
Syrian Arab Republic
Turkey

12. The following nineteen Member States were not represented at this session of the General Conference:

Albania        Jamaica
Algeria        Jordan
Cambodia       Kenya
Cameroon       Liberia
Cyprus         Libya
Dominican Republic
Ethiopia       Mali
Haiti          Nigeria
Honduras       Paraguay
Ivory Coast    Sudan
13. The Committee decided to ask the Director General to request the Member States which had not already done so to submit as soon as possible 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.

14. The Committee submits to the General Conference the following two resolutions:

I

CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES TO THE TENTH REGULAR SESSION
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference,

(a) Recalling the recommendation of the fifth regular session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1950 that "the attitude adopted by the General Assembly" regarding the representation of a Member State "should be taken into account in other organs of the United Nations and in the specialized agencies", and

(b) Recalling the action which the twentieth regular session of the General Assembly of the United Nations took on 17 November 1965 regarding the representation of China,

1. Decides to take no action on any proposal to change the representation of China at its tenth regular session; and


II

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The General Conference,
Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.1/

1/ GC(X)/349.