Fourteenth regular session
Agenda item 3(b)
(GC(XIV)/442)

CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES TO THE FOURTEENTH REGULAR SESSION

(b) REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Ambassador Luis WECKMANN-MUÑOZ (Mexico)

1. The Credentials Committee\(^1/\) met on 25 September, when Ambassador Luis Weckmann-Muñoz of Mexico was unanimously elected Chairman.

2. The delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that his Government "could not recognize the validity of credentials issued by the Saigon Administration for the representation of South Viet-Nam at this Conference".

3. The delegate of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic stated on behalf of his Government that "he could not recognize the Administration of Saigon to represent South Viet-Nam at this Conference".

4. The delegate of the United States of America stated that he could not agree with the remarks concerning the validity of the credentials of the delegate of the Republic of Viet-Nam. Moreover, he proposed that the Committee recommend to the Conference the adoption of essentially the same resolution as it had adopted in 1969\(^2/\) and earlier years with respect to the credentials of China. Such a resolution is presented as draft resolution I at the end of this report.

\(^1/\) The Committee consisted of Ecuador, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Spain, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America (see document GC(XIV)/OR.135, paras 14 and 15 of the provisional text).

\(^2/\) GC(XIII)/RES/248.
5. The Committee accepted the United States proposal by six votes to two, with one abstention.

6. The Committee found that credentials satisfying the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure had been submitted to the Director General for the delegates of the following 71 Member States:

Albania
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Burma
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
Canada
Ceylon
Chile
China
Costa Rica
Cuba
Czechoslovak Socialist Republic
Denmark
Ecuador
Finland
France
Gabon
Germany, Federal Republic of
Ghana
Greece
Holy See
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Korea, Republic of
Kuwait
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malaysia
Mexico
Monaco
Morocco
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nigeria
Norway
Pakistan
Panama
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Saudi Arabia
Singapore
South Africa
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Thailand
Turkey
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
United Arab Republic
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Uruguay
Venezuela
Viet-Nam
Yugoslavia
7. The Committee found that credentials submitted for the delegates of the following eight Member States did not satisfy the provisions of Rule 27:

Bolivia          Nicaragua
Brazil           Syrian Arab Republic
Colombia         Uganda
Congo, Democratic Republic of the United States of America

The consensus was, however, that in accordance with the practice of the Agency, of the United Nations and of other international organizations, these credentials should be accepted as provisional, on the understanding that satisfactory credentials for them would be submitted as soon as possible.

8. The Committee was informed that by the time of its meeting no credentials in respect of the delegates of the following seven Member States had been received by the Director General:

Dominican Republic           Senegal
Kenya                         Sierra Leone
Lebanon                       Tunisia
Zambia

The Committee was nevertheless of the opinion that these delegates should be provisionally seated with the same rights as other delegates, pending the submission of their credentials.

9. The Committee noted that the following 17 Member States were not represented at the session:

Afghanistan          Jordan
Algeria              Liberia
Cambodia             Libyan Arab Republic
Cameroon             Mali
Cyprus               Niger
El Salvador          Paraguay
Ethiopia             Sudan
Guatemala            
Haiti                
Ivory Coast          

10. The Committee recommends that the Conference adopt the following two draft resolutions:
I

CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES TO THE FOURTEENTH 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 also the action which the General Assembly took on
11 November 1969 regarding the representation of China/**,

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

/* In Resolution 396(V), para. 3.
/** By Resolution 2500(XXIV).

II

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The General Conference,

Accepts the report of the Credentials Committee set forth in document GC(XIV)/449.