CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES TO THE SIXTEENTH REGULAR SESSION

(b) REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman: H.E. Mr. Tadao KATO (Japan)

1. The Credentials Committee met on 29 September 1972 to examine the credentials of delegates to the session, as provided for in Article 28 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure. Mr. Tadao Kato of Japan was unanimously elected Chairman, and the present report was prepared at the conclusion of the Committee's deliberations.

2. In the course of the Committee's examination of the credentials, the delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that his Government could not acknowledge "the legality of the Saigon administration to represent South Viet-Nam". He further stated that "South Korea could not represent the whole of the Korean people".

3. The delegate of Romania stated that his delegation "contested the credentials of the Saigon administration" and that it "could only recognize credentials issued by the Revolutionary Provisional Government of the Republic of South Viet-Nam". He also stated that "South Korea did not have the right to represent the whole of the Korean people".

4. 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 63 Member States:

1/ The Committee consisted of Colombia, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Romania, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America and the Republic of Zaire.
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Bangladesh
Belgium
Brazil
Bulgaria
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
Canada
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Czechoslovak Socialist Republic
Denmark
Egypt, Arab Republic of
Finland
France
Gabon
Germany, Federal Republic of
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Holy See
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Iran
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Korea, Republic of
Lebanon
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Mexico
Monaco
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nigeria
Norway
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Saudi Arabia
South Africa
Spain
Sudan
Sweden
Switzerland
Thailand
Turkey
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America
Venezuela
Viet-Nam
Yugoslavia
Zaire, Republic of

5. The Committee found that the credentials submitted for the delegates of the following eleven Member States did not satisfy the provisions of Rule 27:

Algeria
Chile
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Haiti
Libyan Arab Republic
Pakistan
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Uruguay
The consensus was, however, that in accordance with the practice of the Agency, of the United Nations and of other international organizations the credentials in question should be accepted as provisional, on the understanding that satisfactory credentials for the delegates concerned would be submitted as soon as possible.

6. At the time the Committee met no credentials had been received by the Director General in respect of the delegate representing Tunisia. The Committee was nevertheless of the opinion that this delegate should be provisionally seated with the same rights as other delegates, pending submission of his credentials.

7. The Committee recommends the Conference to adopt the following draft resolution:

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The General Conference

Accepts the report of the Credentials Committee set forth in document GC(XVI)/496.