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CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES TO THE EIGHTEENTH REGULAR SESSION

(b) REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman: H.E. Mr. Dej TALABHAT (Thailand)

1. The Credentials Committee^{1/} met on 19 September 1974 to examine the credentials of delegates to the session, as provided for in Article 28 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure. H.E. Mr. Dej Talabhat of Thailand 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 Japan obtained from the Secretary the information which is presented in paragraph 6 of this report. In the context of that information the delegate of Costa Rica inquired, in relation to the elections to the Board of Governors, as to the situation of Member States for whose delegates no credentials had been received. The Chairman informed him that it was customary for such delegates to be provisionally seated with the same rights as other delegates.
3. The delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that, in accordance with the Paris Agreement of 1973, two zones and two administrations existed in South Viet-Nam (the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Saigon Administration). The Saigon Administration could not, therefore, represent South Viet-Nam at the General Conference.

^{1/} The Committee consisted of Belgium, Costa Rica, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America.

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 68 Members:

Albania	Lebanon
Argentina	Libyan Arab Republic
Australia	Liechtenstein
Austria	Luxembourg
Bangladesh	Malaysia
Belgium	Monaco
Brazil	Mongolia
Bulgaria	Netherlands
Burma	New Zealand
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Nigeria
Canada	Norway
Chile	Pakistan
Colombia	Philippines
Costa Rica	Poland
Czechoslovak Socialist Republic	Portugal
Denmark	Romania
Finland	Saudi Arabia
France	South Africa
Gabon	Sri Lanka
German Democratic Republic	Sudan
Germany, Federal Republic of	Sweden
Ghana	Switzerland
Greece	Thailand
Holy See	Turkey
Hungary	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Iceland	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
India	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Indonesia	United States of America
Iran	Uruguay
Iraq	Viet-Nam
Ireland	Yugoslavia
Israel	Zaire, Republic of
Japan	Zambia
Kenya	
Korea, Republic of	

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

Guatemala	Mexico
Italy	Panama
Liberia	Venezuela

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 delegates representing the following eight Members:

Algeria ^{2/}	Peru
Cuba	Spain ^{4/}
Democratic People's Republic of Korea ^{3/}	Syrian Arab Republic
Egypt, Arab Republic of	Tunisia

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

7. The Committee noted that the following 23 Members were not represented at the session:

Afghanistan	Khmer Republic
Bolivia	Kuwait
Cameroon	Madagascar
Cyprus	Mali
Dominican Republic	Morocco
Ecuador	Niger
El Salvador	Paraguay
Ethiopia	Senegal
Haiti	Sierra Leone
Ivory Coast	Singapore
Jamaica	Uganda
Jordan	

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- ^{2/} After the Committee had met, the Director General received a cable from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Algeria, containing the text of the credentials for the delegate from Algeria.
- ^{3/} The delegate of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea submitted his credentials, after the Committee had met.
- ^{4/} The delegate of Spain submitted his credentials, after the Committee had met.

8. 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(XVIII)/538.