EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

Report of the General Committee

1. At its thirty-third meeting on 7 December 1979 the General Committee examined the credentials of delegates to the session, as provided for in Rule 28 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure.1/

2. The Chairman of the Committee announced that credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure had been submitted to the Director General for the delegates of the following 79 Members:

Argentina

Australia

Austria

Bangladesh

Belgium

Bolivia2/

Brazil

Bulgaria

Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic

Canada

Chile

Cuba

Czechoslovakia

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Denmark

Ecuador

Egypt

Finland

France

Gabon

German Democratic Republic

Germany, Federal Republic of

Ghana

Greece

Holy See

Hungary

Iceland

India

Indonesia

Iran

Iraq

Ireland

Israel

Japan

Jordan

Korea, Republic of

Kuwait

Lebanon

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Liechtenstein

1/ GC(XIX)/INF/152.

2/ The delegate of Bolivia was unable to attend the session.
3. The Chairman of the Committee announced further that various official communications received by the Secretariat with respect to the status of the delegates of the following seven Members did not constitute credentials that satisfied the provisions of Rule 27:

- Algeria
- Senegal
- Colombia
- Zambia
- Italy
- Kenya
- Peru

4. The representative of Czechoslovakia stated that his delegation was not in a position to recognize the credentials of the delegates of South Korea and Chile.

5. The representative of Ecuador asked whether there were any legal grounds for not recognizing the credentials of the delegates from South Korea and Chile.

6. The representative of Tunisia stated that his delegation did not recognize the credentials of the delegate of Israel.

7. In reply to the question put by the representative of Ecuador and to the statement made by the representative of Tunisia, the legal Adviser to the Secretariat confirmed that the credentials of the delegates of the Republic of Korea, Chile and Israel were in accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure.
8. The representative of the USSR referred to the well-known position taken by the Government of the USSR on the question of South Korea and Chile and supported the statement made by the representative of Czechoslovakia.

9. The representative of Qatar stated that his delegation also could not accept the credentials of the delegate of Israel.

10. The Chairman then proposed that in accordance with past practice those delegates for whom satisfactory credentials had not been received should be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference on the understanding that satisfactory credentials for each of them would be submitted to the Director General as soon as possible.

11. The committee recommends the Conference to adopt the following draft resolution:

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The General Conference

Accepts the report by the General Committee on its examination of the credentials of delegates to the Conference's twenty-third regular session which is set forth in document GC(XXIII)/623.