EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

Report of the General Committee

1. At its 36th meeting on 25 September 1980 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 76 Members:

Albania  
Argentina  
Australia  
Austria  
Bangladesh  
Belgium  
Brazil  
Bulgaria  
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic  
Canada  
Chile  
Colombia  
Cuba  
Cyprus  
Czechoslovakia  
Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
Denmark  
Ecuador  
Finland  
France  
German Democratic Republic  
Germany, Federal Republic of  
Ghana  
Greece  
Holy See  

Hungary  
Iceland  
India  
Indonesia  
Iraq  
Ireland  
Israel  
Japan  
Korea, Republic of  
Lebanon  
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya  
Liechtenstein  
Madagascar  
Malaysia  
Mexico  
Monaco  
Mongolia  
Morocco  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Nigeria  
Norway  
Pakistan  
Panama  
Peru  

¹ GC(XIX)/INF/152.
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 ten Members did not constitute credentials that satisfied the provisions of Rule 27:

- Algeria
- Costa Rica
- Egypt
- Guatemala
- Iran
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- Niger
- Portugal
- Tunisia

4. The representative of Hungary stated that his delegation objected to the recognition of the credentials of the Chilean Junta and South Korea.

5. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics supported the statement made by the representative of Hungary concerning the non-recognition of the credentials of the delegates of Chile and South Korea.

6. The representative of the German Democratic Republic stated that he was also not in a position to accept the credentials of the delegates of South Korea and Chile.

7. The representative of Sudan recalled the position taken by the General Conference at its 23rd regular session on the policy of apartheid in connection with the credentials of the delegate of South Africa and drew attention to the credentials of the delegate of Israel. He noted that the United Nations had rated zionism as equivalent to racism and therefore strongly objected to the acceptance of the credentials of the delegate of Israel.
8. The representative of Saudi Arabia stated that he had strong reservations about acceptance of the credentials of the delegate of Israel and about Israel's membership. His delegation considered that Israel's conduct represented a violation of the spirit of Article III.B of the Agency's Statute and a threat to world peace.

9. The representative of Senegal associated himself with the position taken by the representatives of Sudan and Saudi Arabia.

10. The representative of the United States of America reiterated the view held by his Government that political considerations had nothing to do with the acceptance or non-acceptance of credentials and considered that all the credentials submitted should be accepted.

11. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole stated that the Philippine delegation supported acceptance of the credentials of the delegates of Chile and the Republic of Korea.

12. The representative of Venezuela supported the recognition of the credentials of the delegate of Chile.

13. 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.

14. The Committee recommends that the Conference adopt the following draft resolution:

"Examination of delegates' credentials

The General Conference

Accepts the report by the General Committee on its examination of the credentials of delegates to the Conference's twenty-fourth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(XXIV)/638."