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GENERAL COMMITTEE

RECORD OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

Held at the Neue Hofburg, Vienna, on Thursday, 24 September 1981, at 6.45 p.m.

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ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Chairman

Mr. XUTO (Thailand), President of the General Conference

Members

- Mr. GOOCH, representing Mr. COPITHORNE (Canada), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. MALDONADO MIÑO (Ecuador), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. AMIGUES, representing Mr. PECQUEUR (France), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. LÖRINC, representing Mr. OSZTROVSZKY (Hungary), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. AL-KITAL (Iraq), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. YAMATO (Japan), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. AGIOBU-KEMMER (Nigeria), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. KHLESTOV, representing Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. DALAL (India), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole
- Mr. SARI, representing Mr. BELAID (Algeria), Additional Member
- Mrs. DAVIDOVÁ, representing Mr. NEUMANN (Czechoslovakia), Additional Member
- Mr. BARREDA DELGADO (Peru), Additional Member
- Mr. KELLY, representing Mr. MANLEY (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Additional Member
- Mr. KIRK, representing Mr. DAVIS (United States of America), Additional Member
- Mr. COPITHORNE (Canada), Chairman of the Board of Governors (and Vice-President of the General Conference)

Secretariat

- Mr. LE GUELTE, Secretary of the Committee
- Mr. SIEVERING, Deputy Director General for Administration
- Mr. HERRON, Director, Legal Division

- The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> suggested that the Committee reverse the order of its agenda as contained in document GC(XXV)/GEN/59.
- 2. It was so agreed.

EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

- 3. Mr. KHLESTOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation could not accept the credentials of the delegate of Chile. His delegation's position had been made clear on a number of occasions and remained unchanged.
- 4. Mr. AL-KITAL (Iraq) recalled that objections had been raised in the past with regard to the credentials of the delegate of Israel.
- 5. The CHAIRMAN, replying to Mr. Agiobu-Kemmer (Nigeria), reported that no delegate of South Africa had submitted credentials.
- 6. Mr. LÖRING (Hungary) said that his delegation wished to object to the credentials submitted by the delegate of Chile.
- 7. Mr. KIRK (United States of America) said that it was his Government's view that the principle of universality was an essential feature of the United Nations common system. He therefore urged the Committee to accept the credentials of all delegates. Political considerations had nothing to do with the matter in hand.
- 8. Mrs. DAVIDOVÁ (Czechoslovakia) said that she wished to associate herself with the statements on behalf of the delegations of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Hungary.
- 9. Mr. BARREDA DELGADO (Peru) said that his delegation was ready to accept the credentials of all delegates, provided that those credentials complied with the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure.
- 10. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> said that, following the practice of previous years, he would submit to the General Conference a report on the discussions that had just taken place in connection with the examination of delegates' credentials, together with a draft resolution on the subject.
- 11. It was so decided.

CLOSING DATE OF THE SESSION

- 12. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> reported that, after consultations with the Chairmen of the Committee of the Whole and Board of Governors, he felt that it might be more realistic to extend the 25th regular session to the morning of Saturday, 26 September. Accordingly, he would suggest that the Committee defer making a recommendation on the closing date for the time being.
- 13. It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 7 p.m.