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EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS  
Report of the General Committee

1. At its forty-third meeting, on 13 October 1983 the General Committee examined the credentials of delegates to the session, as provided for in Rule 28 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure <sup>1/</sup>.
2. At the outset, the Chairman of the Committee mentioned Rules 27, 28, and 29 of the Rules of Procedure and, referring to an opinion by the United Nations Legal Counsel, read out the following points of Rule 27 regarding credentials for the General Conference:
  - (a) Credentials designate the delegate of a Member State to a given session of the General Conference;
  - (b) They are submitted to the Director General; and
  - (c) They are issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
3. The Chairman of the Committee then 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:

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<sup>1/</sup> GC(XIX)/INF/152.

Albania  
Algeria  
Argentina  
Australia  
Austria

Belgium  
Brazil  
Bulgaria  
Byelorussian SSR  
Canada

Chile  
Colombia  
Cuba  
Czechoslovakia  
Dem. People's Republic of Korea

Denmark  
Ecuador  
Egypt  
Finland  
France

German Democratic Republic  
Germany, Federal Republic of  
Ghana  
Greece  
Guatemala

Holy See  
Hungary  
Iceland  
India  
Indonesia

Iran  
Iraq  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy

Japan  
Jordan  
Kenya  
Korea, Republic of  
Kuwait

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya  
Liechtenstein  
Luxembourg  
Malaysia  
Mali

Mexico  
Monaco  
Mongolia  
Morocco  
Netherlands

Nigeria  
Norway  
Pakistan  
Panama  
Philippines

Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Saudi Arabaia  
Spain

Sri Lanka  
Sudan  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Syrian Arab Republic

Thailand  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republics  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

United Arab Emirates  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland  
United Republic of Tanzania  
United States of America  
Uruguay

Viet Nam  
Yugoslavia  
Zaire  
Zambia

4. 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 13 Members did not constitute credentials that satisfied the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure.

Bangladesh  
Gabon  
Ivory Coast  
Jamaica  
Lebanon

Namibia  
New Zealand  
Niger  
Paraguay  
Peru

Qatar  
Senegal  
Venezuela

5. The Committee was informed that up to the time of its meeting on 13 October 1983 no credentials or other communications of accreditation had been received in respect of the following four Members:

Afghanistan  
Bolivia  
Costa Rica  
Nicaragua

6. The representative of Iraq stated, with regard to the credentials of the delegate of Israel to the current session of the General Conference, that:

- (a) Iraq regards as illegal the annexation by Israel of Jerusalem and its declaration that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel;

- (b) Iraq does not recognize the annexation by Israel of the Syrian Golan Heights, which is in contravention of international law;
- (c) Iraq rejects the policy of Israel in respect of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

In the view of the representative of Iraq the credentials of the Israeli delegate were therefore not in legal order.

7. The representative of the German Democratic Republic, India, Malaysia, Morocco, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics associated themselves with the statement made by the representative of Iraq. In this connection, the representative of India reiterated the views of his country regarding the attack by Israel on the Iraqi Nuclear Research Centre.

8. In associating himself with the statement made by the representative of Iraq, the representative of Morocco pointed out that the procedure being followed by a number of representatives in the Committee in declaring that the credentials of the Israeli delegate were not in legal order differed from that followed at last year's session of the General Conference and was in line with that followed last year during the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

9. The representative of Egypt stated that his country does not recognize the Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan Heights, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, southern Lebanon and Arab Jerusalem, which was in contravention of the United Nations Charter.

10. The representatives of the German Democratic Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics reiterated statements made at previous sessions of the General Conference that they could not recognize the credentials of the delegation of Chile.

11. The representative of the United States of America stated that the Committee's function was purely to examine whether delegates' credentials were valid under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and added that the principle of universality was critical to the entire United Nations system. He regretted that some members had objected to the credentials of others on political grounds; it was beyond the Committee's mandate to make judgements on different social systems, political programmes and territorial disputes. He urged the acceptance of all credentials submitted to the Committee unless they clearly did not meet the requirements of the Rules of Procedure.

12. The representatives of Australia, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, Paraguay, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland associated themselves with the statement of the representative of the United States of America.

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. Finally, the Committee agreed to recommend the following draft resolution for adoption by the General Conference:

"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-seventh regular session, which is set forth in document GC(XXVII)/705."

