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ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Chairman

Mr. BAER (Switzerland), President of the General Conference

Members

- Mr. PREUSCHEN, representing Mr. MARSCHIK (Austria), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. GARCÍA DE LA CRUZ (Cuba), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. SNIDER, representing Mr. SIEVERING (United States of America), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. RYZHOV, representing Mr. MIKHAILOV (Russian Federation), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. AYATOLLAHI, representing Mr. AMROLLAHI (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. HASHIM (Malaysia), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. AMMAR (Tunisia), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Ms. HOANG THI NINH, representing Ms. NGUYEN THI HOI (Viet Nam), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. GOESELE (Germany), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole
- Mr. WALKER (Canada), Additional Member
- Ms. SUAREZ AMEZCUA, representing Mr. HELLER ROUASSANT (Mexico), Additional Member
- Ms. SCHIMMING-CHASE (Namibia), Additional Member
- Mr. JAMAL (Qatar), Additional Member
- Mr. HREHOR, representing Mr. STULLER (Czech Republic), Additional Member

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING (GC(XXXVIII)/GEN/2)

- 1. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> asked whether the Committee was prepared to approve the proposed agenda contained in document GC(XXXVIII)/GEN/2.
- 2. It was so decided.

EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

- 3. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u>, after drawing attention to Rules 27, 28 and 29 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure and recalling that under Rule 27 credentials designated the delegate of a Member State to a given session of the General Conference, were submitted to the Director General, and must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, reported that 89 delegates had submitted credentials complying with Rule 27 and that, in respect of 16 others, the Secretariat had received communications which did not constitute credentials satisfying the requirements of that Rule. All the delegates to the current session of the General Conference fell within one or other of the two categories he had mentioned.
- 4. He further recalled that in document GC(XXXVIII)/32 Qatar had submitted, on behalf of the members of the League of Arab States participating in the current session of the General Conference, reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegate. He proposed that the Committee should take note of those reservations and that they should be fully reflected in the Committee's report to the General Conference and in the summary record of the meeting.*
- Mr. SNIDER (United States of America), referring to the reservations expressed by the Arab delegations in document GC(XXXVIII)/32, said his delegation regretted that the issue of the Israeli delegation's credentials had once again been raised in the Committee. The grounds given for those reservations in the document submitted were not pertinent to the work of the General Conference. The credentials of the delegate of Israel satisfied the requirements of the Conference's Rules of Procedure completely and should therefore be accepted.

^{*} See statement attached to this record.

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6. Mr. AYATOLLAHI (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that his delegation associated itself fully with the reservations expressed about the credentials of the delegate of Israel by the Arab delegations in document GC(XXXVIII)/32.

7. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee submit to the General Conference a report stating that the Committee had met to examine the credentials of delegates in accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure and containing lists of those Member States whose delegates had submitted satisfactory credentials and of those for whose delegates the Director General had received communications not complying with Rule 27. The report could indicate that, following past practice, the Committee considered that delegates in the latter category should be allowed to participate in the work of the General Conference, on the understanding that for each of them proper credentials would be submitted to the Director General as soon as possible - preferably before the end of the current session. The report should then refer to the reservations expressed by Qatar on behalf of the League of Arab States with regard to the credentials of the delegate of Israel and to the support for those credentials expressed by the delegate of the United States of America. Lastly, the report could recommend that the General 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 thirty-eighth regular session which is set forth in document GC(XXXVIII)/..."

8. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 9.35 a.m.

Statement of Arab delegations concerning their reservations about the credentials submitted by the Israeli delegation to the thirty-eighth session of the IAEA General Conference in Vienna

Mr. Chairman,

The undersigned delegations of the Arab States, members of the League of Arab States participating in this Conference, wish to express their reservations about the credentials submitted by the Israeli delegation for the following reasons:

- (1) Israel has annexed the city of Jerusalem, regarding it as its capital in spite of the relevant United Nations resolutions and in particular Security Council resolutions 252, 267, 271, 298, 465, 476 and 478 adopted in various years and General Assembly resolution E 169/35 of 15 December 1980, which considered all administrative and legal measures taken after the occupation of the city of Jerusalem null and void and unlawful, and in which the General Assembly called upon all States and specialized agencies and other international organizations to disregard any measure contravening the provisions of that resolution. You will notice that, in spite of the provisions of the above-mentioned resolution, the credentials submitted by the delegation of Israel have been issued from occupied Jerusalem;
- (2) Israel has annexed the Syrian Arab Golan area and refused to implement the Security Council and General Assembly resolutions relating to the annulment of the annexation measures. It continues to occupy part of South Lebanon and Western Beqaa, and to refuse to apply Security Council resolution 425 on this subject.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.