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ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Chairman

Mr. NIEWODNICZANSKY (Poland), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr. WALKER (Canada), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. BORCHARD, representing Ms. WÜLFING (Germany), Vice-President of the
General Conference

Mr. HA, representing Mr. KWUN (Republic of Korea), Vice-President of the
General Conference

Mr. AL-GHAIS (Kuwait), Vice-President of the General Conference

Ms. LEONG, representing Mr. HASHIM (Malaysia), Vice-President of the
General Conference

Mr. RESHETNIKOV, representing Mr. MIKHAILOV (Russian Federation),
Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. NSIMBI (Zimbabwe), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. STRATFORD (United States of America), Chairman of the Committee of
the Whole

Ms. MÄKELÄINEN, representing Mr. KILLIOMÄKI (Finland), Additional Member

Mr. YENNIMATAS (Greece), Additional Member

Mr. JACOBS, representing Mr. MINTY (South Africa), Additional Member

Mr. GARÓFALO LAYA, representing Mr. BOERSNER STEDER (Venezuela)
Additional Member

Secretariat

Mr. SANMUGANATHAN, Secretary of the Committee

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (GC(41)/GEN/2)

1. The CHAIRMAN asked whether the Committee wished to adopt the proposed agenda contained in document GC(41)/GEN/2.
2. The agenda was adopted.

EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS (GC(41)/29)

3. The CHAIRMAN, 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, said that 88 delegates had submitted credentials complying with Rule 27 and that, in respect of 25 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 those two categories.
4. Recalling that in document GC(41)/29 Saudi Arabia had submitted, on behalf of members of the League of Arab States participating in the current session of the General Conference, reservations about the credentials of the delegate of Israel, he proposed that the Committee take note of those reservations and that they be fully reflected in the Committee's report to the General Conference and in the summary record of the meeting.¹
5. It was so decided.
6. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee submit to the General Conference a report stating that it 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, in its view, 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 Saudi Arabia on behalf of the League of Arab States with regard to the credentials of the delegate of Israel. Lastly, the Committee could recommend that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution:

¹ See statement attached to this record.

“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 forty-first regular session which is set forth in document GC(41)/...”.

7. It was so decided.

RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS (GC(41)/INF/21 and 22)

8. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to communications received from Liberia (GC(41)/INF/21) and Kenya (GC(41)/INF/22) in which those States requested that their voting rights be restored in accordance with the provisions of Article XIX.A of the Agency’s Statute.

9. Mr. NSIMBI (Zimbabwe) said that Liberia was just emerging from a civil war and that its authorities had given assurances regarding contribution payments to the Agency. As to Kenya, a partial contribution payment had already been made, and the Kenyan Government had promised to pay the balance as soon as possible.

10. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it restore the voting rights of Liberia and Kenya in accordance with the provisions of Article XIX.A of the Agency’s Statute.

11. 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
forty-first 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.

**Names of Arab States making the Statement concerning their reservations
about the credentials submitted by the Israeli delegation to the
forty-first session of the IAEA General Conference,
29 September-3 October 1997**

Kingdom of Morocco

Sudan

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Qatar

Jordan

United Arab Emirates

Syrian Arab Republic

Republic of Yemen

Iraq

Tunisia

Lebanon

Kuwait

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Algeria