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# Examination of Delegates' Credentials

## Report of the General Committee

1. At its second meeting, on 23 September 2004, the General Committee examined the credentials of delegates to the session, as provided for in Rule 28 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure.
2. At the outset, the Chairman of the Committee mentioned Rules 27, 28 and 29 of the Rules of Procedure, and 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. Credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure have been submitted to the Director General for the delegates of the following 89 Members<sup>1</sup>:

Albania	Chile	Ghana
Algeria	China	Greece
Angola	Costa Rica	Guatemala
Australia	Croatia	Haiti
Bangladesh	Cuba	Holy See
Belarus	Cyprus	Hungary
Belgium	Czech Republic	Iceland
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Denmark	India
Botswana	Egypt	Indonesia
Brazil	Eritrea	Iran, Islamic Republic of
Bulgaria	Estonia	Ireland
Burkina Faso	Finland	Israel
Canada	France	Japan

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<sup>1</sup> Following the second meeting of the General Committee, credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure were submitted by Kenya.

Jordan	New Zealand	Sri Lanka
Kuwait	Niger	Sweden
Latvia	Nigeria	Switzerland
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Norway	Syrian Arab Republic
Liechtenstein	Pakistan	Thailand
Lithuania	Philippines	Tunisia
Luxembourg	Poland	Turkey
Madagascar	Portugal	Ukraine
Malaysia	Romania	United Arab Emirates
Mauritius	Russian Federation	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mexico	Saudi Arabia	United Republic of Tanzania
Monaco	Serbia and Montenegro	United States of America
Mongolia	Singapore	Venezuela
Morocco	Slovakia	Vietnam
Myanmar	Slovenia	Yemen
Namibia	South Africa	Zambia
Netherlands	Spain	

4. Various official communications, which do not constitute formal credentials under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure have been received by the Secretariat. Copies of original credentials have been received for the delegates of the following 16 Members<sup>2</sup>: Afghanistan, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Germany<sup>3</sup>, Italy, Kenya, Korea, Republic of, Kyrgyzstan, Malta, Panama, Seychelles, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uruguay. Communications in the form of notes, or letters or telefax copies emanating from Permanent Missions or other authorities have been received for the delegates of the following 19 Members<sup>4</sup>: Armenia, Austria, Bolivia, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Georgia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Mali, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Zimbabwe.

5. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(48)/23) containing reservations submitted by the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman (the Dean of the Arab Diplomatic Corps in Vienna) on behalf of certain Arab delegations participating in the 48<sup>th</sup> General Conference, concerning their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegation to the Conference. The Chairman also pointed out that the Committee had also received a document (GC(48)/24) submitted by the delegation of Israel which sets out its position with regard to the reservations expressed by the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman on behalf of certain Arab delegations participating in the 48<sup>th</sup> General Conference.

6. Further, the Chairman of the Committee proposed that, in accordance with past practice, those delegates for whom proper credentials had not been received should, nevertheless, be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference on the understanding that they would submit credentials in due form as soon as possible, preferably before the end of the current session of the Conference.

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<sup>2</sup> Following the second meeting of the General Committee, a copy of the original credentials was submitted by Lebanon.

<sup>3</sup> The Permanent Mission of Germany notified the Secretariat on 23 September 2004, that the original letter of credentials for their Head of Delegation, duly signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Germany, was sent to the Secretariat as an enclosure to a Note Verbale on 3 September 2004. While the Secretariat received the aforementioned Note Verbale on 6 September 2004, it has no record of receipt of the enclosure thereto.

<sup>4</sup> Following the second meeting of the General Committee, a communication concerning the delegates of Uzbekistan was submitted by the Permanent Mission of Uzbekistan.

7. The Committee, with the reservations and positions expressed above, agreed to recommend 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 forty-eighth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(48)/28.”