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Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

1. At its second meeting, on 21 September 2006, 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 92 Members:

Albania	Colombia	Iceland
Algeria	Croatia	India
Angola	Cyprus	Indonesia
Argentina	Czech Republic	Iran, Islamic Republic of
Armenia	Denmark	Iraq
Australia	Ecuador	Ireland
Austria	Egypt	Israel
Bangladesh	Estonia	Italy
Belarus	Ethiopia	Japan
Belgium	Finland	Korea, Republic of
Bosnia and Herzegovina	France	Kuwait
Botswana	Germany	Latvia
Brazil	Ghana	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Bulgaria	Greece	Liechtenstein
Canada	Haiti	Lithuania
Chile	Holy See	Luxembourg
China	Hungary	Madagascar

Malaysia	Qatar	The former Yugoslav
Malta	Romania	Republic of Macedonia
Mauritius	Russian Federation	Tunisia
Mexico	Saudi Arabia	Turkey
Monaco	Serbia	Ukraine
Mongolia	Seychelles	United Arab Emirates
Mozambique	Singapore	United Kingdom of Great
Myanmar	Slovakia	Britain and Northern Ireland
Netherlands	Slovenia	United Republic of Tanzania
New Zealand	South Africa	United States of America
Pakistan	Sri Lanka	Uruguay
Peru	Sweden	Venezuela
Philippines	Switzerland	Yemen
Poland	Syrian Arab Republic	
Portugal	Thailand	

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 21 Members: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Morocco, Namibia, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Spain, Uganda and Zimbabwe. 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: Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Georgia, Guatemala, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Zambia.

5. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(50)/25) 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 50th 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(50)/26) 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 50th 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.

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 fiftieth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(50)/27.”