Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

1. At its second meeting, on 23 September 2010, 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 102 Members:

   Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Islamic Republic of, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Republic of, Kuwait, Latvia, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands.
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 20 Members: Afghanistan (Islamic Republic of), Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, El Salvador, Estonia, Guatemala, Ireland, Lebanon, Mauritania (Islamic Republic of), Mozambique, Peru, Qatar, South Africa, Thailand and Uganda. Communications in the form of notes, letters, telefax or electronic copies emanating from Permanent Missions or other authorities have been received for the delegates of the following 17 Members: Chad, Colombia, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Haiti, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Nigeria, Paraguay, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela and Yemen.

5. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(54)/20) submitted by the Ambassador of the Republic of Sudan in Vienna, on behalf of the Arab States members of the IAEA participating in the work of the 54th session of the 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(54)/21) submitted by the delegation of Israel which sets out its position with regard to the reservations expressed by the Ambassador of the Republic of Sudan on behalf of the Arab States members of the IAEA participating in the work of the 54th session of the 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 fifty-fourth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(54)/22.”