Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

1. At its second meeting, on 22 September 2011, 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:

   Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of
   Algeria
   Angola
   Armenia
   Australia
   Austria
   Bahrain
   Bangladesh
   Belarus
   Belgium
   Benin
   Bosnia and Herzegovina
   Botswana
   Bulgaria
   Burkina Faso
   Cameroon
   Canada
   China
   Croatia
   Cuba
   Cyprus
   Czech Republic
   Denmark
   Egypt
   El Salvador
   Estonia
   Ethiopia
   Finland
   France
   Georgia
   Germany
   Ghana
   Greece
   Haiti
   Holy See
   Hungary
   Iceland
   Indonesia
   Iran, Islamic Republic of
   Iraq
   Ireland
   Israel
   Italy
   Jordan
   Kazakhstan
   Korea, Republic of
   Latvia
Lebanon  Netherlands  Sweden  
Lesotho  New Zealand  Switzerland  
Liechtenstein  Niger  Syrian Arab Republic  
Lithuania  Nigeria  Thailand  
Luxembourg  Norway  The former Yugoslavia  
Madagascar  Oman  Republic of Macedonia  
Malaysia  Pakistan  Uganda  
Mali  Palau  Ukraine  
Malta  Panama  United Arab Emirates  
Marshall Islands  Philippines  United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
Mauritania, Islamic Republic of  Poland  
Mauritius  Portugal  United Republic of 
Mexico  Qatar  Tanzania  
Monaco  Romania  United States of America  
Mongolia  Russian Federation  Uruguay  
Montenegro  Saudi Arabia  Vietnam  
Morocco  Serbia  
Mozambique  Singapore  
Myanmar  Slovakia  
Namibia  Slovenia  

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 19 Members: Azerbaijan, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Peru, Senegal, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen. 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 20 Members: Albania, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Kenya, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Zambia.

5. Reservations regarding the credentials of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya were expressed by Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

6. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(55)/28) submitted by the Ambassador of Lebanon, Chairman of the Council of Arab Ambassadors, on behalf of the Arab States members of the IAEA participating in the work of the 55th 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(55)/29) submitted by the delegation of Israel which sets out its position with regard to the reservations expressed by the Ambassador of Lebanon on behalf of the Arab States members of the IAEA participating in the work of the 55th session of the General Conference.

7. Reservations regarding the credentials of Israel were expressed by Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

8. 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.

9. All reservations are fully reflected in the records of the Committee’s meeting (GC(55)GEN/OR.2).

10. 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-fifth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(55)/27.”