Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

1. At its second meeting, on 19 September 2013, 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 112 Members:

   Albania  Canada  France
   Algeria  Chad  Georgia
   Angola  Chile  Germany
   Armenia  China  Ghana
   Australia  Colombia  Greece
   Austria  Costa Rica  Guatemala
   Azerbaijan  Croatia  Holy See
   Bahrain  Cuba  Hungary
   Bangladesh  Cyprus  Iceland
   Belarus  Czech Republic  India
   Bolivia  Democratic Republic of the Congo  Iran, Islamic Republic of
   Bosnia and Herzegovina  Denmark  Iraq
   Botswana  Egypt  Ireland
   Brazil  Estonia  Israel
   Bulgaria  Ethiopia  Italy
   Burkina Faso  Finland  Japan
   Cameroon  } Kazakhstan
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, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Lebanon, Palau, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela 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 15 Members: Argentina, Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, El Salvador, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Mauritania (Islamic Republic of), Montenegro, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Swaziland, Uruguay and Uzbekistan.

5. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(57)/26) submitted by the Arab States, members of the IAEA, participating in the fifty-seventh regular session of the IAEA General Conference, regarding their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegation. The Chairman also pointed out that the Committee had also received a document (GC(57)/27) submitted by the Resident Representative of Israel to the IAEA, which sets out the position of Israel with regard to the reservations expressed by the Arab States, members of the IAEA, participating in the fifty-seventh regular session of the IAEA General Conference.

6. Reservations regarding the credentials of Israel were also expressed by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

7. 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.
8. 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-seventh regular session, which is set forth in document GC(57)/28.”