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¹ GC(58)/22.

Attendance

Chairperson

Mr AZEEZ (Sri Lanka), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr BAILEY (Canada), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr ANDEREYA LATORRE (Chile), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr SCHARINGER (Germany), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr NAJAFI, representing Mr KAMALVANDI (Islamic Republic of Iran),
Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr HASANS, representing Mr SLAVINSKIS (Latvia), Vice-President of the General
Conference

Ms MANYONGA, representing Ms MUTANDIRO (Zimbabwe), Vice-President of the
General Conference

Mr STUART (Australia), Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole

Mr ESPINOZA SOLANO, representing Mr AGUILAR CASTILLO (Costa Rica),
Additional Member

Ms KALA (Estonia), Additional Member

Ms GREYLING, representing Mr SEOKOLO (South Africa), Additional Member

Ms JONES, representing Mr GRIMES (United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland), Additional Member

Mr HUSHEK, representing Ms KENNEDY (United States of America), Additional
Member

Chairperson of the Board of Governors

Mr NGUYEN Thiep (Viet Nam)

Secretariat

Ms DUNN LEE, Deputy Director General, Department of Management

Ms WIJewardane, Secretary of the Committee

– **Adoption of the agenda for the meeting**
(GC(58)/GEN/2)

1. The CHAIRPERSON asked whether the Committee wished to adopt the provisional agenda contained in document GC(58)/GEN/2.
2. The agenda was adopted.

23. Examination of delegates' credentials
(GC(58)/24 and 25)

3. The CHAIRPERSON said that there were no requests for the restoration of voting rights and he therefore proposed that the General Committee meet as a credentials committee and take up the examination of delegates' credentials.
4. Recalling Rules 27, 28 and 29 of the General Conference's Rules of Procedure, he said that credentials designated the delegate of a Member State to a given session of the General Conference, that they were submitted to the Director General and that they were issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of that Member State. The Committee's task was limited to ascertaining whether the requirements of Rule 27 had been satisfied.
5. The Director General had received credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 for 121 delegates. Also, the Secretariat had received communications in respect of 28 delegates that did not constitute formal credentials meeting the requirements of Rule 27. Thirteen Member States had not submitted any credentials.
6. Document GC(58)/24 contained a statement submitted by a number of Arab States members of the Agency participating in the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Conference, as listed in the document, regarding their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegate.
7. Document GC(58)/25 contained a communication from the Resident Representative of Israel setting out Israel's position with regard to those reservations.
8. Mr NAJAFI (Islamic Republic of Iran) expressed his country's reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegate.
9. The CHAIRPERSON suggested that the Committee submit to the General Conference a report stating that it had met to examine the credentials of delegates in accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure, and containing a list of Member States whose delegates had, in the Committee's opinion, submitted credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure and another list indicating the Member States for whose delegates the Director General had received communications that did not comply with that rule.
10. In accordance with past practice, the report could indicate that the Committee considered that delegates in the latter category 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.

11. The report should further state that the Committee had had before it, in document GC(58)/24, a statement submitted by a number of Arab States members of the Agency participating in the current session, as listed in that document, regarding their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegate and that the Committee had also had before it, in document GC(58)/25, a communication from the Resident Representative of Israel setting out Israel's position with regard to those reservations. In addition, the report should reflect the reservations expressed by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

12. Finally, the report should state that the Committee, with the aforementioned reservations and position, had 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-eighth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(58)/26.”

13. He asked whether the General Committee wished a report on the lines he had described to be prepared and submitted to the General Conference.

14. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 9.35 a.m.