Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

1. At its second meeting, on 17 September 2015, 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 to be submitted to the Director General; and

   (c) They are to be 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 114 Members:

   Albania
   Algeria
   Angola
   Argentina
   Armenia
   Australia
   Austria
   Azerbaijan
   Bahrain
   Bangladesh
   Belarus
   Belgium
   Bolivia, Plurinational State of
   Bosnia and Herzegovina
   Botswana
   Brazil
   Brunei Darussalam
   Bulgaria
   Burkina Faso
   Burundi
   Cameroon
   Canada
   Chad
   Chile
   China
   Colombia
   Costa Rica
   Côte d’Ivoire
   Croatia
   Cyprus
   Czech Republic
   Democratic Republic of the Congo
   Denmark
   Dominican Republic
   Egypt
   El Salvador
   Estonia
   Ethiopia
   Fiji
   Finland
   France
   Germany
   Ghana
   Greece
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   Holy See
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   Iran, Islamic Republic of
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4. Various official communications, which do not constitute formal credentials under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure have been received for the delegates of the following 39 Members: Afghanistan; Benin; Cambodia; Cuba; Djibouti; Ecuador; Gabon; Georgia; Haiti; Honduras; Iraq; Jamaica; Jordan; Kenya; Kuwait; Libya; Malawi; Marshall Islands; Mauritania; Morocco; Mozambique; Nepal; New Zealand; Nigeria; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Rwanda; Saudi Arabia; Serbia; Sudan; Switzerland; The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Togo; United Arab Emirates; Uruguay; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of; Yemen; and Zambia.

5. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(59)/27) submitted by the Arab States, members of the IAEA, participating in the fifty-ninth 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(59)/28) 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-ninth 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-ninth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(59)/29.”