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## Fifty-ninth regular session

# General Committee

## Record of the Second Meeting

*Held at Headquarters, Vienna, on Thursday, 17 September 2015, at 9.15 a.m.*

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## **Attendance**

### Chair

Mr FORMICA (Italy), President of the General Conference

### Members

Mr JUHÁSZ, representing Mr FICHTINGER (Hungary), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr ESHRAGH JAHROMI, representing Mr SALEHI (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr OTHMAN, representing Mr LEBAI JURI (Malaysia), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr AWOSANYA, representing Mr OSAISAI (Nigeria), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr PÉREZ ALVÁN, representing Ms PETRICK CASAGRANDE (Peru), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr CONFIADO, representing Ms ANGARA COLLINSON (Philippines), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr BAPTISTA MOITINHO DE ALMEIDA (Portugal), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr ENSHER (United States of America), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr BENHOCINE (Algeria), Chair of the Committee of the Whole

Ms MELON, representing Mr DE VIDO (Argentina), Additional Member

Mr BAILEY (Canada), Additional Member

Mr DÄUBLE (Germany), Additional Member

Mr POSTNIKOV, representing Mr KIRIENKO (Russian Federation), Additional Member

### Secretariat

Ms DUNN LEE, Deputy Director General, Department of Management

Ms WIJEWARDANE, Secretary of the Committee

– **Adoption of the agenda for the meeting**  
(GC(59)/GEN/2)

1. The CHAIR asked whether the Committee wished to adopt the provisional agenda contained in document GC(59)/GEN/2.
2. Mr PÉREZ ALVÁN (Peru) requested that an item entitled “Any other business” be included on the agenda.
3. The CHAIR took it that the Committee agreed to the addition of that agenda item.
4. The agenda, as amended, was adopted.

**26. Examination of delegates’ credentials**  
(GC(59)/27 and 28)

5. The CHAIR proposed that the General Committee meet as a credentials committee and take up the examination of delegates’ credentials.
6. 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.
7. The Director General had received credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 for 114 delegates. Also, the Secretariat had received communications in respect of 39 delegates that did not constitute formal credentials meeting the requirements of Rule 27. Twelve Member States were not participating and had not submitted any credentials.
8. Document GC(59)/27 contained a statement submitted by the Ambassador of Qatar on behalf of Arab States members of the Agency participating in the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Conference, as listed in the document, regarding their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegate.
9. Document GC(59)/28 contained a communication from the Resident Representative of Israel setting out Israel’s position with regard to those reservations.
10. Mr ESHRAGH JAHROMI (Islamic Republic of Iran) expressed his country’s strong reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegate. The Islamic Republic of Iran did not recognize Israel, and he requested that his country’s principled position on the matter be reflected in the Committee’s report to the General Conference.
11. Mr BAILEY (Canada) said that in the note of the Credentials Officer, Israel was clearly identified as one of the countries that had submitted credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure. The reservations expressed by the Arab States in their communication contained in document GC(59)/27 did not relate to those Rules, but rather political

issues. While he assumed that every delegation recognized the gravity of those issues, they were not relevant to the acceptance of credentials for the General Conference. He proposed that the reservations expressed, and Israel's response, be noted in the report, and that the Committee proceed to recognize and accept the credentials for all of the countries listed in the note of the Credentials Officer.

12. Mr ENSHER (United States of America) said that he fully subscribed to the views expressed by the representative of Canada. He questioned how many other States on the list would also have their credentials challenged if they were subjected to similar political considerations.

13. The CHAIR 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.

14. 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.

15. The report should further state that the Committee had had before it, in document GC(59)/27, 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(59)/28, 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.

16. 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-ninth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(59)/29.”

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

18. It was so decided.

## — **Any other business**

19. Mr PÉREZ ALVÁN (Peru) noted that the previous day, a non-Member State had been invited to address the General Conference before all Member States had done so. He requested that in the future, particularly at the next General Conference, the Secretariat provide clearer information on the procedures in that regard.

20. Ms WIJEWARDANE (Secretary of the Committee) said that the Secretariat had taken careful note of the concerns expressed by several Member States on that matter. They would be duly taken into account by the Secretariat when establishing the list of speakers for future General Conference sessions, with a view to maintaining the priority given to Member States.

**The meeting rose at 9.35 a.m.**