Sixtieth regular session

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Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

1. At its second meeting, on 29 September 2016, 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 recalled 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 117 Members:

   Albania                 Cambodia                 Ethiopia
   Angola                   Cameroon                 Fiji
   Argentina                Canada                   Finland
   Armenia                  Chile                    France
   Australia                China                    Georgia
   Austria                  Colombia                 Germany
   Azerbaijan               Congo                    Ghana
   Bahrain                  Costa Rica               Greece
   Bangladesh               Côte d’Ivoire            Guatemala
   Belarus                  Croatia                  Holy See
   Belgium                  Cuba                     Honduras
   Bosnia and Herzegovina   Cyprus                   Hungary
   Botswana                 Czech Republic           Iceland
   Brunei Darussalam        Denmark                  India
   Bulgaria                 Estonia                   Iran, Islamic Republic of
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 40 Members: Afghanistan; Algeria; Benin; Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Brazil; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Chad; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Eritrea; Guyana; Haiti; Indonesia; Iraq; Kyrgyzstan; Lebanon; Liberia; Malawi; Morocco; Namibia; Nepal; Nicaragua; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Peru; Saudi Arabia; South Africa; Swaziland; Syrian Arab Republic; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Togo; Tunisia; Uruguay; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of; and Yemen.

5. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(60)/22) submitted by the Arab States, members of the IAEA, participating in the sixtieth 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 received a document (GC(60)/23) 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 sixtieth 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 sixtieth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(60)24.”