Examination of Delegates' Credentials

Report of the General Committee

1. At its meeting today, 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 Chair of the Committee referred to 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 74 Members:

   1. Albania
   2. Argentina
   3. Armenia
   4. Australia
   5. Austria
   6. Belgium
   7. Brazil
   8. Bulgaria
   9. Burkina Faso
  10. Canada
  11. Chile
  12. Croatia
  13. Cyprus
  14. Czech Republic
  15. Denmark
  16. Dominican Republic
  17. Ecuador
  18. Egypt
  19. El Salvador
  20. Estonia
  21. Finland
  22. Georgia
  23. Germany
  24. Greece
  25. Guatemala
  26. Holy See
  27. Hungary
  28. India
  29. Iran, Islamic Republic of
  30. Ireland
  31. Italy
  32. Japan
  33. Jordan
  34. Korea, Republic of
  35. Lao People’s Democratic Republic
  36. Latvia
  37. Libya
  38. Liechtenstein
  39. Lithuania
  40. Luxembourg
  41. Malaysia
  42. Malta
  43. Mexico
  44. Mongolia
  45. Montenegro
  46. Morocco
  47. Namibia
48. Netherlands  
49. Nigeria  
50. Norway  
51. Oman  
52. Panama  
53. Philippines  
54. Poland  
55. Portugal  
56. Romania  
57. Russian Federation  
58. San Marino 

59. Serbia  
60. Singapore  
61. Slovakia  
62. Slovenia  
63. Spain  
64. Sweden  
65. Syrian Arab Republic  
66. Switzerland  
67. Thailand  
68. Tunisia  
69. Türkiye  
70. United Arab Emirates  
71. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
72. United States of America  
73. Uruguay  
74. Viet Nam.

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:¹

1. Afghanistan  
2. Algeria  
3. Azerbaijan  
4. Bangladesh  
5. Belarus  
6. Bosnia and Herzegovina  
7. China  
8. Colombia  
9. Costa Rica  
10. Côte d’Ivoire  
11. Cuba  
12. France  
13. Ghana  
14. Honduras  
15. Indonesia  
16. Iraq  
17. Israel  
18. Kazakhstan  
19. Kenya  
20. Kuwait  
21. Lebanon  
22. Nepal  
23. New Zealand  
24. Nicaragua  
25. Niger  
26. Pakistan  
27. Paraguay  
28. Peru  
29. Qatar

30. Republic of Moldova  
31. Saudi Arabia  
32. Senegal  
33. South Africa  
34. Sri Lanka  
35. Turkmenistan  
36. Ukraine  
37. Uzbekistan  
38. Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of  
39. Yemen.

5. The Chair of the Committee pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(SPL.3)/6) submitted by the Arab Member States of the IAEA participating in the third special session of the IAEA General Conference, regarding their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegation, as well as a document (GC(SPL.3)/7) 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 Member States of the IAEA participating in the third special session of the IAEA General Conference. The Chair also pointed out that the Committee had received a document (GC(SPL.3)/8) containing a statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran setting out its position regarding the credentials of Israel.

6. Further, the Chair 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.

¹ As concerns Myanmar, reference is made to the resolution contained in paragraph 4 of document GC(66)/18.
7. The Secretariat informed the Committee that, on 20 January 2023, the Agency received, through the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Vienna, credentials signed by HE Mr Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, designating HE Mr Min Thein, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission in Vienna, as the Head of Delegation for the third special session of the General Conference.

8. The General Committee recalled IAEA General Conference Resolution GC(66)/RES/13 in which the Conference accepted the report of the General Committee on its examination of the credentials of Myanmar to the Conference’s sixty-sixth regular session, as contained in document GC(66)/18.

9. Following its review, the General Committee, noting Resolution GC(66)/RES/13, the practice of the United Nations General Assembly,2 and the majority of organizations in the United Nations system, and the decisions by the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Nuclear Safety at their Organizational Meeting for the Joint Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting on 20 October 2021, and the Parties to the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material at the Conference held from 28 March to 1 April 2022, decided not to accredit at this stage any delegate for that Member State and to recommend to the Conference that it defer a decision on the credentials of Myanmar, pending guidance from the Credentials Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, thereby leaving the seat empty for the Conference.

10. 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 third special session, which is set forth in document GC(SPL.3)/4.”

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2 See General Assembly resolution 77/239 of 16 December 2022.