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ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Chairman

Mr. BARREDA DELGADO (Peru), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr. CAMPBELL (Australia), Vice-President of the General Conference

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

Mr. THABAULT, representing Mr. RENON (France), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. AL-KITAL (Iraq), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. MATSUMURA, representing Mr. ISURUGI (Japan), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. TIMERBAEV, representing Mr. PETROSYANTS (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. DI BIASE (Uruguay), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. SIAMWIZA (Zambia), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. UMAR (Nigeria), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. POPOV, representing Mr. PANDEV (Bulgaria), Additional Member

Mr. HAVEL (Czechoslovakia), Additional Member

Mr. STUELPNAGEL, representing Mr. HAUNSCHILD (Federal Republic of Germany), Additional Member

Mr. AMROLLAHI (Islamic Republic of Iran), Additional Member

Mr. BRUSH, representing Mr. KENNEDY (United States of America), Additional Member

Secretariat

Mr. SANMUGANATHAN, Secretary of the Committee

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

1. The CHAIRMAN asked whether the Committee wished to adopt the provisional agenda contained in document GC(XXVIII)/GEN/66.
2. It was so decided.

EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

3. The CHAIRMAN, after referring to Rules 27, 28 and 29 of the Rules of Procedure and summarizing Rule 27 on the basis of an opinion given by the United Nations Legal Counsel some years previously, said that the Committee's task was simply to ascertain that the requirements of Rule 27 had been satisfied. The present situation was as follows: 84 delegates had submitted credentials complying with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, while in respect of 13 delegates the Secretariat had received communications which did not constitute proper credentials meeting the requirements of that rule. If any member of the Committee wished to know to which category a particular delegate belonged, that information would be provided orally at once.
4. Mr. AMROLLAHI (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that, as in the past two years, his delegation did not accept the credentials of the Israeli delegate.
5. Mr. AL-KITAL (Iraq) expressed reservations concerning the credentials of the Israeli delegate for various reasons. First, his country, like various international bodies including the United Nations Security Council, did not recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Secondly, Israel was currently occupying Palestinian, Egyptian, Lebanese and Syrian territory and his delegation did not consider that the Israeli Government represented the people of those occupied territories. Thirdly, Israel had violated its commitments as a Member of the Agency by its attack on Iraq's peaceful nuclear reactor, a subject which was still under consideration by the General Conference.
6. Mr. TIMERBAEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), supported by Mr. POPOV (Bulgaria) and Mr. HAVEL (Czechoslovakia), associated himself with the views expressed by the previous speakers on the question of the Israeli delegate's credentials.

7. Mr. BRUSH (United States of America) regretted the intrusion into the debate of political considerations which had nothing to do with the validity of the credentials of delegates, the sole criterion for which was contained in Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure. Article V of the Statute stated that every Member had the right to participate in sessions of the General Conference. To deprive a Member State of that right on grounds other than non-compliance with Rule 27 would strike at the principle of universality which underpinned the entire United Nations system. The arguments advanced in favour of rejecting certain credentials were not relevant to the Committee's task, and he urged the Committee to accept all credentials submitted to it which were in compliance with Rule 27.
8. Mr. MATSUMURA (Japan) said that the Committee's task was to examine delegates' credentials to ensure that they satisfied the requirements of the Rules of Procedure. All other considerations were irrelevant, and he therefore endorsed the position of the previous speaker.
9. Mr. CAMPBELL (Australia), supported by Mr. SULLIVAN (Canada), associated himself with the views expressed by the representative of the United States of America.
10. Mr. DI BIASE (Uruguay) said that it was incumbent upon the Committee to accept all the credentials submitted to it if it wished to discharge its functions in conformity with the requirements of the Rules of Procedure.
11. Mr. THABAULT (France) said the Committee's role was to verify that credentials were valid and signed by the appropriate authorities. His delegation strongly opposed any attempt to use that procedure to prevent any Member State from exercising its right of participation.
12. Mr. STUELPNAGEL (Federal Republic of Germany) associated himself with the views expressed by the representatives of the United States, Japan, Australia, Canada, Uruguay and France.
13. Mr. UMAR (Chairman of the Committee of the Whole), speaking as the representative of Nigeria, said that, if Israel had satisfied the conditions laid down in Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, his delegation had no objection to the acceptance of its delegate's credentials.

14. Mr. TIMERBAEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) expressed reservations with respect to the credentials of the Chilean delegate for the same reasons as had been described in the past. He requested that his delegation's position be reflected in the Committee's report to the General Conference.

15. The CHAIRMAN suggested that he should submit to the General Conference a report containing a summary of the discussion which had just taken place and a list of the Member States whose delegates were in possession of satisfactory credentials, as well as of those for whose delegates the Director General had received communications not complying with Rule 27. The report would indicate that, following the practice of previous years, the General Committee considered that delegates in the latter category should be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference on the understanding that for each such delegate proper credentials would be submitted to the Director General as soon as possible. Lastly, the report would include a draft resolution reading as follows:

"The General Conference,

"Accepts the report by the General Committee on its examination of the credentials of delegates to the Conference's twenty-eighth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(XXVIII)/..."

16. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 6.10 p.m.

