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Report of the General Committee

- 1. At its sixty-fourth meeting, on 24 September 1992, 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, upon a suggestion by the Chairman of the Committee, the Committee decided to take no action concerning the credentials of the delegate of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia pending a decision by the General Conference on the draft resolution proposed by the Board of Governors in document GC(XXXVI)/1035.
- 3. Further, 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 submitted to the Director General; and
 - (c) They are issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- 4. The Chairman then announced that credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure had been submitted to the Director General for the delegates of the following 81 Members:

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Albania Algeria Argentina Australia Austria Belarus Belgium Brazil Bulgaria Canada

Chile
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Czech and Slovak
Federal Republic
Democratic People's Republic
of Korea
Denmark
Ecuador
Egypt

Finland
France
Germany, Federal Republic of
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Holy See
Hungary
Iceland
India

Indonesia
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq
Ireland
Israel
Japan
Jordan
Korea, Republic of
Kuwait

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Liechtenstein Luxembourg Malaysia Mauritius

Lebanon

Mexico Monaco Mongolia Myanmar Namibia Netherlands New Zealand Norway Pakistan Panama

Paraguay
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Russian Federation
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan

Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand
Tunisia
Turkey
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America

Uruguay Venezuela Viet Nam Zaire Zambia Zimbabwe 5. The Chairman of the Committee announced further that various official communications in the form of telefax copies of original credentials, telexes from Ministers of Foreign Affairs, notes or letters from Permanent Missions, received by the Secretariat with respect to the status of delegates of the following 16 Members did not constitute formal credentials under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure:

Bangladesh
Bolivia
Cameroon
Cote d'Ivoire
Cyprus
Italy
Kenya
Morocco
Nicaragua
Nigeria

Peru Romania Saudi Arabia Senegal Slovenia Ukraine

- 6. The Chairman of the Committee then drew the attention of the Committee to document GC(XXXVI)/1033 containing the reservations by the African Group concerning the credentials of the delegate of South Africa and to document GC(XXXVI)/1034 containing reservations by Arab delegation members of the League of Arab States participating in this Conference's session, about the credentials of the Israeli delegate. He proposed that the Committee take note of these reservations and that they be fully reflected in the Committee's report to the Conference and in the summary records of the meeting.
- 7. The representative of the United States of America expressed his delegation's regret that reservations were made in respect of credentials of the delegates of Israel and South Africa, especially in view of the progress in the situation in the Middle East and positive developments in South Africa. He pointed out that those reservations were made on purely political grounds and were at variance with the requirements of the Rules of Procedure.

- 8. At the conclusion, the Chairman of the Committee reiterated that reservations concerning the credentials of the delegates, which were to be annexed to the Committee's report, as well as other comments made in the Committee, would be fully reflected in its report and summary records.
- 9. The Chairman then proposed that, in accordance with past practice those delegates for whom satisfactory credentials had not been received should be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference on the understanding that satisfactory credentials for each of them would be submitted to the Director General as soon as possible.
- 10. Finally, the Chairman read the following draft of a 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 thirty-sixth regular session which is set forth in document GC(XXXVI)/1044."

11. The Committee agreed to recommend that the Conference adopt the draft resolution contained in paragraph 10.





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DECLARATION BY THE AFRICAN GROUP

The attached declaration, addressed to the President of the General Conference, is being circulated in response to a request made by the Ambassador of Algeria as Chairman of the African Group, in connection with the examination of delegates' credentials at the Conference's thirty-sixth regular session.

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Declaration of the African Group concerning its reservations to the credentials of the South African Delegation to the 36th Session of the IAEA General Conference

Mr. Chairman,

The Group of the African Member States of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) notes with satisfaction the positive developments which led to the accession of South Africa to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the conclusions and entry into force of the safeguards agreement with the Agency and the presentation by the Director General of the Agency of a report on the verification of the inventory of South Africa's nuclear installations and materials. This is a significant step towards the denuclearization of Africa. Furthermore this process will be strengthened by the confirmation of the exclusively peaceful nature of the entire nuclear activities in South Africa, as requested in resolution 46/34B of 6 December 1991 of the United Nations General Assembly.

Conscious of the current political evolution in South Africa, the Group of African States regrets that the decisive action required for the establishment of a non-racial democratic South Africa remains to be taken.

Accordingly, the present South African Government does not represent the majority of the South African People. Consequently, its representation to the 36th Session of the General Conference is not in full accord with the principles and objectives set out in the Charter of the United Nations, which constitute the basis of the activities of the Agency, in conformity with paragraph B.1 of Article 3 and paragraph B of Article 4 of its Statute.

The African Group would, therefore, wish to place on record the reservations of its Member States to the credentials of the South African delegation to the present session of the General Conference of the Agency, hoping that in the near future it will witness among its Members the presence of a non-racial and democratic South Africa.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.





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STATEMENT BY ARAB DELEGATIONS MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES
PARTICIPATING IN THE THIRTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The attached statement, addressed to the Chairman of the General Committee, is being circulated in response to a request of the Ambassador and Resident Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on behalf of members of the Arab Group.

STATEMENT OF ARAB DELEGATIONS CONCERNING THEIR RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED BY THE ISRAELI DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE IAEA, VIENNA, 21-25 SEPTEMBER 1992

Mr. Chairman,

Arab delegations, members of the League of Arab States, participating in this Conference (Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates), wish to express their reservations about the credentials submitted by the Israeli entity for the following reasons:

- (1) Israel persists in challenging the United Nations Charter and the principles of international law and flouting the United Nations resolutions concerning the Palestinian question and the situation in the Middle East;
- (2) In addition to occupying the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Israel has annexed Jerusalem, regarding it as its capital in spite of the relevant United Nations resolutions and in particular General Assembly resolution E169/35 of 15 December 1980, which considered all administrative and legal measures following the occupation of the city of Jerusalem as null and void and unlawful, and in which the General Assembly called upon all States and specialized agencies and other international organizations to disregard any measure contravening the provisions of that resolution. You will notice that, in spite of the provisions of the above-mentioned resolution, the credentials submitted by the Israeli delegation have been issued in occupied Jerusalem;
- (3) Apart from occupying the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, South Lebanon and the Western Bequa of Lebanon, Israel has annexed the Syrian Arab Golan area and refused to implement the Security Council and General Assembly resolutions relating to the annulment of the annexation measures;

- (4) Israel continuously persists in bombarding the civilian population of Lebenese villages and Palestinian camps in South Lebenon;
- (5) The Israeli practices against Arab citizens in the occupied territories are against international laws and agreements in that Israel persists in ignoring United Nations Security Council and General Assembly resolutions by following its declared and unlawful policy, symbolized by the building of settlements in the occupied Arab territories in order to impose its hegemony on the occupied Arab lands and to change the geographic, demographic, cultural and social nature of those lands, in violation of the provisions of the fourth Geneva agreement of 1949;
- (6) Israel persistently refuses to abide by the United Nations resolutions concerning the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to the establishment of an independent Palestinian State. It also continues illegally to occupy the Palestinian territories including Holy Jerusalem;
- (7) We should like to mention General Conference resolution GC(XXVI)/RES/404 of 1982, by which the credentials of the Israeli delegate were rejected for the same reasons as those outlined above.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, the delegations of the Arab countries, in whose name I am now speaking, wish to express their reservations about the credentials submitted by the Israeli entity.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.