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ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Chairman

Mr. ADEKANYE (Nigeria), President of the General Conference

Members

- Mr. KARIM, representing Mr. SIRCAR (Bangladesh), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. VILAIN XIIII (Belgium), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. WAGNER (Czechoslovakia), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. LEE, representing Mr. KIM (Republic of Korea), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. BISLEY (New Zealand), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. MAYORSKY, representing Mr. MIKHAILOV (Russian Federation), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. LAWRENCE, representing Mr. SELIN (United States of America), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. EL-SAIEDI (Egypt), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole
- Mr. GARCIA DE LA CRUZ (Cuba), Additional Member
- Mr. JAMAL (Qatar), Additional Member
- Mr. ARIAS-SALGADO, representing Mr. CLAUDIO ARANZADI (Spain), Additional Member
- Mr. CLARK, representing Mr. EGGAR (United Kingdom), Additional Member

Chairman of the Board of Governors

Mr. MONDINO (Argentina)

Secretariat

Mr. SANMUGANATHAN, Secretary of the Committee

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (GC(XXXVI)/GEN/85)

- 1. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> asked whether the Committee was prepared to approve the proposed agenda contained in document GC(XXXVI)/GEN/85.
- 2. It was so decided.

PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-SIXTH (1992) REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE (GC(XXXVI)/1035)

- 3. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> drew the Committee's attention to the proposal for the inclusion of an additional item under Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure in order to allow consideration of the recommendation made by the Board of Governors, which had met as a matter of urgency the previous day, that the General Conference adopt the draft resolution entitled "Participation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)" contained in document GC(XXXVI)/1035.
- 4. He took it that the Committee wished to recommend that an additional item entitled "Participation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)" be included in the agenda and that it be discussed directly in Plenary.

5. It was so decided.

- The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> suggested that since the Conference's decision on the draft resolution would have implications for some other items on the agenda, the new item should be taken up as early as possible. To that end, it might be best to include it as item 8, to renumber the rest of the agenda items accordingly, and to interrupt the discussion on item 7, "General debate and annual report for 1991", after due notice had been given, in order to consider the new item 8.
- 7. Mr. MAYORSKY (Russian Federation) said he would prefer the item to be included on the Conference's agenda as item 24, so as to be discussed just before item 25, "Examination of delegates' credentials". He did not think there was any need for the matter to be considered as hastily as proposed by the Chairman.

- 8. Mr. CLARK (United Kingdom) supported the Chairman's suggestion, since the matter had to be discussed as soon as possible because of the bearing it had on other matters and in view of the number of names still remaining on the speakers' list for the general debate.
- 9. Mr. VILAIN XIIII (Belgium), Mr. BISLEY (New Zealand), Mr. LAWRENCE (United States of America) and Mr. ARIAS-SALGADO (Spain) agreed with the comments made by the delegate of the United Kingdom.
- 10. <u>Mr. MAYORSKY</u> (Russian Federation) wondered whether the General Conference's Rules of Procedure allowed for the general debate to be interrupted to take an additional item out of order.
- 11. Mr. SANMUGANATHAN (Secretary of the Committee) pointed out that the General Committee, in adopting the General Conference's agenda and making its recommendation regarding the order of items, did so on the understanding that the exigencies of the moment might call for changes to be made. In any case, the General Conference was master of its own proceedings.
- 12. Mr. MAYORSKY (Russian Federation) reiterated his delegation's reservations about dealing with the issue in such a hasty manner and its view that the General Conference should discuss the matter just before it took up item 25.
- 13. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> pointed out that the General Committee was only making a recommendation to the General Conference. Taking note of the reservation expressed by the delegation of the Russian Federation, he assumed that the Committee wished to recommend that the additional item be included as item 8 and that the general debate be interrupted, after due notice had been given, so that the matter could be discussed as soon as possible.

14. It was so agreed.

EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

15. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> suggested that pending a decision by the General Conference on the draft resolution recommended by the Board of Governors in document GC(XXXVI)/1035, the Committee should take no action concerning the credentials of the delegate of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. After

recalling Rules 27, 28 and 29 of the Rules of Procedure, he reported that so far 81 delegates had submitted credentials complying with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, while in respect of 16 delegates the Secretariat had received communications which did not constitute proper credentials satisfying the requirements of that Rule.

- 16. Mr. JAMAL (Qatar) noted that the Arab delegations had submitted, in document GC(XXXVI)/1034, a statement concerning their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegation.
- The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> said that he had indeed received that statement. He had also received from the Chairman of the African Group of Member States a declaration expressing the reservations of that Group concerning the credentials of the South African delegation, which was reproduced in document GC(XXXVI)/1033. He proposed that the Committee take note of those reservations, and reflect them in its report to the Conference by attaching the African Group's declaration and the Arab delegations' statement to that report.
- 18. Mr. LAWRENCE (United States of America) said that, in view of the progress made in both South Africa and Israel, his delegation regretted the reservations expressed about the credentials of those two countries' delegations.
- The CHAIRMAN suggested, with regard to the credentials of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, that no action be taken on them pending a decision by the General Conference on the draft resolution proposed by the Board (GC(XXXVI)/1035). He further suggested that the Committee submit to the General Conference a report stating that the Committee had met to examine the credentials of delegates in accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure and fully reflecting the reservations regarding the credentials of the South African delegation submitted in document GC(XXXVI)/1033 and the reservations regarding the credentials of the Israeli delegation set forth in document GC(XXXVI)/1034. The report should also contain lists of the Member States whose delegates were in possession of satisfactory credentials and of those for whose delegates the Director General had received communications not complying with Rule 27. The report could 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 could recommend that the General 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 thirty-sixth regular session which is set forth in document GC(XXXVI)/...."

20. <u>It was so decided</u>.

The meeting rose at 10.15 a.m.