STATEMENT OF ARAB DELEGATIONS CONCERNING THEIR RESERVATIONS 
ABOUT THE CREDENTIALS OF THE ISRAELI DELEGATE TO THE 
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE IAEA MADE IN VIENNA 
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Mr. Chairman,

The Arab delegations, members of the League of Arab States, 
participating in this Conference wish to express their reservations about the 
credentials of the delegate of 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 of the Israeli delegate have been 
issued in occupied Jerusalem;

(3) Apart from occupying the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Israel has 
annexed the Syrian Arab Golan area and refused to implement the 
Security Council and General Assembly resolutions relating to the 
annullment of the annexation measures;

(4) 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;

(5) 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;
(6) We should like to mention General Conference resolution GC(XXVI)/RES/404 of 1984, 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.