CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES TO THE EIGHTEENTH REGULAR SESSION

(b) REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman: H.E. Mr. Daj TALABHAT (Thailand)

1. The Credentials Committee met on 19 September 1974 to examine the credentials of delegates to the session, as provided for in Article 28 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure. H.E. Mr. Daj Talabhat of Thailand was unanimously elected Chairman, and the present report was prepared at the conclusion of the Committee's deliberations.

2. In the course of the Committee's examination of the credentials, the delegate of Japan obtained from the Secretary the information which is presented in paragraph 6 of this report. In the context of that information the delegate of Costa Rica inquired in relation to the elections to the Board of Governors as to the situation of Member States for whose delegates no credentials had been received. The Chairman informed him that it was customary for such delegates to be provisionally seated with the same rights as other delegates.

3. The delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that, in accordance with the Paris Agreement of 1973, two zones and two administrations existed in South Viet-Nam (the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Saigon Administration). The Saigon Administration could not, therefore, represent South Viet-Nam at the General Conference.

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1/ The Committee consisted of Belgium, Costa Rica, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America.
4. The Committee found that credentials satisfying the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure had been submitted to the Director General for the delegates of the following 68 Members:

Albania                                Lebanon
Argentina                               Libyan Arab Republic
Australia                               Liechtenstein
Austria                                 Luxembourg
Bangladesh                               Malaysia
Belgium                                 Monaco
Brazil                                  Mongolia
Bulgaria                                Netherlands
Burma                                    New Zealand
Byelorussian Soviet                      Nigeria
    Socialist Republic                   

Canada                                  Norway
Chile                                    Pakistan
Colombia                                 Philippines
Costa Rica                               Poland
Czechoslovak Socialist Republic

Denmark                                 Portugal
Finland                                  Romania
France                                   Saudi Arabia
Gabon                                    South Africa
German Democratic Republic

Germany, Federal Republic of             Sri Lanka
    Ghana                                 Sudan
    Greece                                
    Holy See                              
    Hungary                                

Iceland                                 Sweden
India                                    Switzerland
Indonesia                                Thailand
Iran                                     Turkey
Iraq                                     Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic

Ireland                                  Union of Soviet Socialist Republic
Israel                                   United Kingdom of Great Britain and
    Japan                                  Northern Ireland
    Kenya                                 
    Korea, Republic of                     
Korea, Republic of
The Committee found that the credentials submitted for the delegates of the following six Members did not satisfy the provisions of Rule 27:

- Guatemala
- Italy
- Liberia
- Mexico
- Panama
- Venezuela

The consensus was, however, that in accordance with the practice of the Agency, of the United Nations and of other international organizations, the credentials in question should be accepted as provisional, on the understanding that satisfactory credentials for the delegates concerned would be submitted as soon as possible.

At the time the Committee met no credentials had been received by the Director General in respect of the delegates representing the following eight Members:

- Algeria
- Cuba
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Egypt
- Peru
- Spain
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Tunisia

The Committee was nevertheless of the opinion that those delegates should be provisionally seated with the same rights as other delegates, pending submission of their credentials.

The Committee noted that the following 23 Members were not represented at the session:

- Afghanistan
- Bolivia
- Cameroon
- Cyprus
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Ethiopia
- Haiti
- Ivory Coast
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Khamer Republic
- Kuwait
- Madagascar
- Mali
- Morocco
- Niger
- Paraguay
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Uganda

2/ After the Committee had met, the Director General received a cable from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Algeria, containing the text of the credentials for the delegate from Algeria.

3/ The delegate of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea submitted his credentials, after the Committee had met.

4/ The delegate of Spain submitted his credentials, after the Committee had met.
8. The Committee recommends the Conference to adopt the following draft resolution:

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The General Conference

Accepts the report of the Credentials Committee set forth in document GC(XVIII)/538.