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Reports of the Credentials Committee

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A. REPORTS OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE

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[6 May 1977]

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 29 April 1977, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Brazil; Chile; Germany, Federal Republic of; Nigeria; Philippines; Qatar; Sudan; Sweden and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 3 May 1977. All the members of the Committee were present.

3. Mr. José Sette Câmara (Brazil) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Executive Secretary of the Conference dated 3 May 1977, concerning the status of the credentials of the 89 States participating in the Conference and according to which:

(a) Formal credentials as provided for by rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, had been communicated to the Executive Secretary by the following 73 States: Afghanistan; Algeria; Australia; Austria; Barbados; Bolivia; Brazil; Bulgaria; Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic; Canada; Cuba; Cyprus; Czechoslovakia; Democratic Yemen; Denmark; Ethiopia; Finland; German Democratic Republic; Germany, Federal Republic of; Ghana; Greece; Guyana; Holy See; Hungary; India; Indonesia; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Ivory Coast; Japan; Kenya; Kuwait; Liberia; Luxembourg; Madagascar; Malaysia; Mexico; Morocco; Netherlands; New Zealand; Niger; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Papua New Guinea; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Spain; Sudan; Suriname; Swaziland; Sweden; Switzerland; Thailand; Uganda; Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United Republic of Tanzania; United States of America; Uruguay; Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

(b) The designation of representatives of the following six States had been communicated to the Executive Secretary of the Conference by cable from the Foreign Minister concerned: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mongolia and Zaire.

(c) The designation of representatives of 10 States had been communicated to the Executive Secretary of the Conference by note verbale, letter or cable from the Foreign Ministry, the Embassy in Vienna, the Permanent

Mission in New York, etc., of the country concerned: Belgium, Egypt, France, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nigeria, Romania, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tunisia and Turkey.

5. The representatives of Qatar and the Sudan, on behalf of the delegations of Arab countries and of the Palestine Liberation Organization, made a reservation on the credentials of the delegation of Israel. The representative of Qatar said that the authorities in Israel do not represent Palestine and that, furthermore, Israel was acting in violation of the United Nations Charter and resolutions on Palestine and the Arab occupied territories. The representative of the Sudan added that the participation of Israel in the Conference should not be considered as implying recognition on the part of the Arab States.

6. In connexion with the above-mentioned interventions, the representatives of the Federal Republic of Germany and Sweden requested that the report of the Committee should make it clear that the views expressed by the delegations concerned reflected the individual position of those delegations, and were not an expression of the views of the Committee as such.

7. The representative of the Soviet Union regretted that not all representatives should have submitted credentials in due form; he observed that if, at the present session of the Conference, a Final Act had been opened for signature, the question whether the representatives referred to in paragraph 4 (b) and (c) could sign that Act would have arisen.

8. The Committee then decided, on the basis of a proposal by the Chairman, to accept the credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 4 (a) above and, with regard to the communications referred to in paragraph 4 (b) and (c), to accept them in lieu of formal credentials as an exceptional measure.

Recommendation of the credentials committee

9. The Committee decided to recommend to the Conference the adoption of the following resolution:

**Credentials of Representatives to the United Nations Conference
on Succession of States in respect of Treaties**

The Conference,

Having examined the report of the Credentials Committee,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

[Original: English]
[17 August 1978]

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 29 April 1977, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Brazil; Chile; Germany, Federal Republic of; Nigeria; Philippines; Qatar; Sudan; Sweden and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The Credentials Committee had its first meeting on 3 May 1977, during which it elected Ambassador José Sette Câmara (Brazil) as Chairman of the Committee. At the same meeting the Credentials Committee examined the credentials of representatives to the 1977 session of the Conference. The corresponding report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.80/12) was adopted by the Conference at its 7th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1977.

2. The Credentials Committee met again on 16 August 1978 to examine the credentials of representatives to the resumed session of the Conference. All members of the Committee, except Sudan, were present.

3. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Executive Secretary of the Conference dated 15 August 1978, concerning the status of the credentials of the 94 States participating in the resumed session of the Conference and according to which:

(a) Formal credentials as provided for by rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, had been communicated to the Executive Secretary by the following 74 States: Angola; Argentina; Australia; Austria; Bolivia; Brazil; Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic; Canada; Chile; Cuba; Cyprus; Czechoslovakia; Democratic Yemen; Denmark; Ethiopia; Finland; France; German Democratic Republic; Germany, Federal Republic of; Ghana; Greece; Hungary; Holy See; India; Indonesia; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Ivory Coast; Japan; Jordan; Kuwait; Lebanon; Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Madagascar; Malaysia; Mali; Mexico; Netherlands; New Zealand; Niger; Nigeria; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Romania; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Spain; Sudan; Suriname; Swaziland; Sweden; Thailand; Trinidad and Tobago; Turkey; Uganda; Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United Republic of Tanzania; United States of America; Venezuela; Yugoslavia and Zaire.

(b) The designation of representatives of the following six States had been communicated to the Executive Secretary of the Conference by cable from the Foreign

Minister concerned: Belgium, Burundi, Guyana, Peru, Sri Lanka and Uruguay.

(c) The designation of representatives of ten States had been communicated to the Executive Secretary of the Conference by note verbale or letter from the Embassy or Permanent Mission of the State concerned: Algeria, Bulgaria, Egypt, Liberia, Luxembourg, Panama, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Tunisia and Yemen.

(d) No communications had been received from the following four States: Kenya, Mauritania, Switzerland and the Syrian Arab Republic. The delegations of these States, however, had assured the Executive Secretary of the Conference that communications were forthcoming.

4. Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to accept the credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 3 (a) above.

5. The representative of Qatar made a statement on the reservations of his delegation with regard to the credentials of the delegation of Israel and he requested that these reservations be recorded after the paragraph in the report of the Committee which contains the Committee's decision to accept the credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 3 (a) above. The representative of Qatar stated that the authorities in Israel did not represent Palestine and that Israel continued to violate the rules of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, with respect to Palestine and the Arab occupied territories.

6. In connexion with this statement by the representative of Qatar, the representatives of the Federal Republic of Germany and Sweden requested that the report of the Committee should make it clear that the views expressed by the delegation of Qatar reflected the individual position of that delegation, and were not an expression of the views of the Committee as such.

7. Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, in the light of past practice and as an exceptional measure, to accept the communications received or to be received with regard to the delegations referred to in paragraph 3 (b), (c) and (d) above, in lieu of formal credentials, it being understood that formal credentials for these representatives would be submitted as soon as possible.

8. The Committee then decided to recommend to the Conference that it adopt the present report.