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## A. REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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#### CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, held on Wednesday, 19 February 1986, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States: Brazil, Canada, China, Ecuador, Gabon, Thailand, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America and Zambia.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 7 March 1986.

3. Mr. Jean-Paul Hubert (Canada) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum from the Executive Secretary of the Conference on the status of the credentials and the corresponding documents of representatives to the Conference.

*States and Namibia (represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia) invited under General Assembly resolution 39/86, subparagraphs 2(a) and (b)*

(a) Credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided for in rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, have been received in respect of representatives of the following 86 States: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Credentials in respect of representatives of Namibia, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia, were received by a note verbale from the President of the United Nations Council for Namibia.

(b) Credentials in the form of a cable from the Minister for Foreign Affairs have been received in respect of the representatives of Cape Verde, Malta, Peru and Uruguay.

(c) Credentials in the form of letters or notes verbales or cable from the Permanent Representative or the Permanent Mission of the State concerned, to the United Nations, New York, to the United Nations Office at Geneva, to the United Nations Office at Vienna or the international organizations in Vienna, have been received in respect of representatives of the following 7 States: Bangladesh, Cuba, Lebanon, Malaysia, Romania, Spain and Yemen.

*International intergovernmental organizations invited under General Assembly resolution 39/86, subparagraph 2(e) and resolution 40/76, paragraph 3*

(d) Corresponding documents in the form of letters or notes verbales, with a statement that the document is issued in accordance with the internal rules and practices of the organization concerned, have been received from the following 14 organizations: Council of Europe, European Economic Community, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Atomic Energy Agency, International Civil Aviation Organization, International Labour Organisation, International Maritime Organization, International Monetary Fund, International Telecommunication Union, Organization of American States, United Nations, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, World Bank, World Health Organization.

(e) Corresponding documents in the form of letters or notes verbales, without a statement that the document is issued in accordance with the internal rules and practices of the organization concerned, have been received from the following organizations: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, League of Arab States, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

(f) Corresponding documents in the form of a cable from the organization, without a statement that the document is issued in accordance with the internal rules and practices of the organization concerned, have been received from the following organizations: Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, International Fund for Agricultural Development.

5. Statements relating to the credentials of the representative of Chile were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America.

6. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that the Soviet delegation wished to

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reaffirm its opposition to the acceptance of the credentials of the delegation of the fascist régime in Chile, which had come to power through a military coup against the constitutional government elected by the people of Chile.

7. The representative of the United States of America stated that, while it was always nice to hear praise of constitutional governments and free elections, it was not appropriate to raise in the Credentials Committee issues that were not properly before the Committee, and that Chile's credentials were, as reported by the Secretariat, in order and in conformity with rule 3 of the rules of procedure.

8. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted the following resolution:

*"The Credentials Committee,*

*"Having examined the credentials and the corresponding documents of the representatives to the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations, referred to in paragraph 4 of its report,*

*"1. Accepts the credentials referred to in subparagraph 4(a) of its report;*

*"2. Accepts provisionally the communications relating to the representatives of the States referred to in subparagraphs 4(b) and 4(c) of its report, pending the receipt of credentials complying with rule 3 of the rules of procedure;*

*"3. Accepts the corresponding documents referred to in subparagraph 4(d) of its report;*

*"4. Accepts provisionally the corresponding documents referred to in subparagraphs 4(e) and 4(f) of its report, pending the receipt of a statement on behalf of the organization concerned confirming that the document is issued in accordance with the internal rules and practices of the organization."*

9. The Committee further decided to authorize the Chairman, with the assistance of the Secretariat, to prepare the report of the Committee and to present the report to the Conference after consultation with interested members of the Committee. The Chairman was also authorized to supplement the report of the Committee so as to reflect any additional credentials and communications received by the Secretariat subsequent to the Committee's meeting.

10. Finally, the Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to recommend the following draft resolution for adoption by the Conference:

*"The United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations*

*"Approves the report of the Credentials Committee."*