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PERMANENT MISSIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Report by the Secretary-General

1. This report is submitted in compliance with resolution 257 (III) of the General Assembly, which instructs the Secretary-General to submit, at each regular session of the General Assembly, a report on the credentials of the permanent representatives accredited to the United Nations.

Permanent missions at the seat of the United Nations

2. The Secretary-General, having examined the credentials of the permanent representatives hitherto communicated to him, drew the attention of Member States, by a letter dated 5 May 1949, to the text of the resolution quoted above and in particular to those of its provisions more directly concerning each Member State.

3. At the date of this report, fifty Member States have set up permanent missions at the seat of the United Nations. They are:

Afghanistan	France	Saudi Arabia
Argentina	Greece	Sweden
Australia	Guatemala	Syria
Belgium	Haiti	Thailand
Bolivia	Iceland	Turkey
Brazil	India	Ukrainian Soviet
Byelorussian Soviet	Iran	Socialist Republic
Socialist Republic	Israel	Union of South Africa
Canada	Liberia	Union of Soviet
Chile	Mexico	Socialist Republics
China	Netherlands	United Kingdom of Great
Colombia	New Zealand	Britain and Northern
Costa Rica	Nicaragua	Ireland
Cuba	Norway	United States of America
Czechoslovakia	Pakistan	Uruguay
Denmark	Panama	Venezuela
Dominican Republic	Peru	Yugoslavia
Ecuador	Philippines	
Egypt	Poland	

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4. The credentials of the permanent representatives of the following forty-three Member States communicated to the Secretary-General fully satisfy the stipulations contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 257 (III) A:

Afghanistan	Ecuador	New Zealand
Argentina	Egypt	Nicaragua
Australia	France	Norway
Belgium	Greece	Pakistan
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Guatemala	Panama
Canada	Haiti	Peru
Chile	Iceland	Philippines
China	India	Sweden
Colombia	Iran	Thailand
Costa Rica	Israel	Turkey
Cuba	Liberia	Union of South Africa
Czechoslovakia	Mexico	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Denmark	Netherlands	United States of America
Dominican Republic		Uruguay
		Venezuela
		Yugoslavia

5. The other Member States which have set up permanent missions at the seat of the United Nations have informed the Secretary-General of the appointment of their permanent representative, to whom they will send credentials at an early date.

6. Fifteen Member States, namely

Argentina	China	New Zealand
Australia	Cuba	Pakistan
Canada	India	Panama
Chile	Liberia	Philippines
	Mexico	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
		United States of America

stated in their communication to the Secretary-General that their permanent representative was empowered to represent them in one or more organs of the United Nations.

7. The following twelve Member States have authorized their permanent representatives to represent them in all organs of the United Nations:

Afghanistan	Czechoslovakia	Iran	Turkey
Belgium	Egypt	Norway	Uruguay
Colombia	Greece	Peru	Venezuela

8. Examination of these credentials showed that they contained a very wide variety of forms, and it might be useful to standardize them by suggesting the use of a common form. By way of illustration,

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a form of credentials which appears to be satisfactory and to conform to the conditions of General Assembly resolution 257 (III) A is annexed hereto.

Permanent missions to the European Office of the United Nations.

9. Fifteen Member States have set up permanent missions at the European Office of the United Nations. These are:

Belgium	Denmark	Panama
Brazil	France	Poland
Canada	Israel	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Chile	Luxembourg	
Colombia	Netherlands	United States of America
		Uruguay

10. The communications emanate either from the Head of the State, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, a high officer of the Foreign Ministry, the chief of a Legation or the representative himself.

11. Denmark stated in her communication that the appointment of the permanent representative to the European Office of the United Nations would cover all the activities of the United Nations at Geneva.

12. The United Kingdom stated that its representative was authorized to act in that capacity at all conferences held under the auspices of the United Nations at Geneva.

13. The Swiss Federal Council decided on 31 July 1948 to grant the permanent delegations of Member States at the European Office of the United Nations facilities similar to those granted to diplomatic missions at Berne, and to grant the chiefs of permanent delegations privileges and immunities similar to those granted to the chiefs of diplomatic missions at Berne provided that they have an equivalent title. Other members of permanent delegations enjoy the same privileges and immunities as are granted to staff of equal rank of the diplomatic missions at Berne.

14. It should be pointed out that, in addition to the permanent missions to the United Nations, a number of non-Member States -- Austria, Italy, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland -- have appointed observers to follow the work of the United Nations at the seat of

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the Organization. The Secretary-General has welcomed these observers and given their missions every possible facility, though their status has not yet been determined.

* Albania has also informed the Secretary-General that it desires to send an observer to the seat of the United Nations.

Annex

STANDARD FORM OF CREDENTIALS

Whereas the Government of has set up at the seat of the United Nations a permanent mission to maintain necessary contact with the Secretariat of the Organization,

Now therefore we (name and title) . . . have appointed and by these presents do confirm as permanent representative to the United Nations His Excellency

. (name) (title)

His Excellency is instructed to represent the Government of in the following organs: *

He is also authorized to designate a substitute to act temporarily on his behalf after due notice to the Secretary-General.

In faith whereof we have signed these presents at on

Signature

(title)

(Head of the State, Head of the Government or Foreign Minister)

* Where a Government desires to accredit its permanent representative to all organs of the United Nations, this sentence may be altered as follows:

His Excellency is instructed to represent the Government of in all organs of the United Nations.

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