



Fourteenth session  
Agenda item 3

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FOURTEENTH SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. José CORREA (Ecuador)

1. At its 795th plenary meeting on 15 September 1959, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fourteenth session consisting of the following Member States: Afghanistan, Australia, Ecuador, France, Honduras, Italy, Pakistan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America.
2. The Credentials Committee met on 9 December 1959.
3. Mr. José Correa (Ecuador) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.
4. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the memorandum by the Secretary-General according to which credentials issued by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs had been submitted to the Secretary-General by all Member States for their representatives, as provided in rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.
5. The representative of the USSR introduced a draft resolution that the Committee decide "to regard as invalid the credentials of the persons describing themselves as representatives of the Government of the Republic of China to the fourteenth session of the United Nations General Assembly, in view of the fact that those credentials are inconsistent with the provisions of rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly".
6. The Chairman, basing himself on resolution 1351 (XIV) adopted by the General Assembly at its 803rd plenary meeting on 22 September 1959 and on well-established precedents in the Credentials Committee, ruled that the USSR draft resolution was out of order, since the Assembly had already taken a decision on this matter for the present session.

7. The representative of the USSR, in challenging the ruling of the Chairman, stated that, in his opinion, the resolution adopted by the General Assembly pertained to a different question, namely, the inscription of an item on the agenda, and that now the Credentials Committee was examining the credentials of representatives of Member States and was entitled to take a decision on the matter.
8. The Chairman's ruling was upheld by 7 votes to 2.
9. The representative of the United States introduced a motion that the Committee "take no decision regarding the credentials submitted on behalf of the representatives of Hungary". He stated that every session of the General Assembly since 1956 had refused to accept the credentials of the representatives of the present Hungarian régime by taking no decision on them. As the present régime defied all efforts to improve the situation in Hungary, the Committee should adopt the same attitude.
10. The representative of the USSR stated that he protested against the renewed attempt of the representative of the United States to challenge the validity of the credentials issued by the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic, the only legitimate Government of that country, enjoying full support and confidence of the people. He added that the adoption of the proposal would constitute an intervention in the internal affairs of a Member State, which was contrary to Article 2 of the Charter.
11. The United States motion was adopted by 7 votes to 2.
12. A proposal was submitted by the Chairman that, subject to the decision relating to Hungary, the Credentials Committee find the credentials of all representatives in order and recommend that the General Assembly approve its report.
13. This proposal was adopted unanimously.
14. The representative of the USSR stated that his vote in favour should not be interpreted as a modification of his position taken in respect of the credentials of China and Hungary.
15. The Credentials Committee recommends that the General Assembly adopt the following resolution:

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of the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

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