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First report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. AWNI KHALIDY (Iraq)

1. At its 516th plenary meeting held on 20 September 1955, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following Member States:

Afghanistan, Australia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, France, Indonesia, Iraq, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 8 November 1955. Representatives of the following Member States on the Committee participated in the meeting:

Australia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Iraq, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America.

3. Mr. Awni Khalidy (Iraq) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics moved that the credentials of the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China should not be recognized as valid since these credentials did not conform to rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. He stated that the reasons for his proposal had been given in full by the Chairman of his delegation at the 516th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

5. The representative of Indonesia stated that his Government had recognized the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China and therefore could not regard as valid the credentials submitted by the Government of the Republic of China.

6. The Chairman drew the attention of the representative of the USSR to the resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 516th plenary meeting on

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20 September 1955 (A/RES/302) which he thought precluded the consideration of the question of the representation of China at the present session of the Assembly.

7. The representative of the USSR pointed out that the Committee was not considering the question of the representation of China but the validity of the credentials which had been submitted by various Members. He therefore considered that his motion was not at variance with the General Assembly resolution and urged that it should be put to the vote.

8. The representatives of Australia and of the United States of America supported the view of the Chairman and were of the opinion that the motion of the representative of the USSR could not be entertained by the Committee as it would, if adopted, have the effect of excluding the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China contrary to the above-mentioned resolution of the Assembly.

9. The Chairman ruled the motion of the representative of the USSR out of order in view of the above-mentioned resolution. The representative of the USSR challenged the Chairman's ruling.

10. The Chairman put his ruling to the vote. The ruling was upheld by 4 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.

11. The Committee found that the Governments of the following Member States had submitted to the Secretary-General credentials for all their representatives satisfying the requirements of rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly:

Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India; Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

12. The Committee further found that the Governments of the following Member States had submitted to the Secretary-General credentials for some of their representatives satisfying the requirements of rule 27 of the rules of procedure:

Bolivia, Peru, Philippines and Turkey.