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CREENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Narciso G. REYES (Philippines)

1. At its 2326th plenary meeting, on 1 September 1975, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed for its seventh special session a Credentials Committee consisting of the following Member States which had previously been appointed for the twenty-ninth regular session: Belgium, China, Costa Rica, Philippines, Senegal, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Venezuela.
2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting on 10 September 1975.
3. Mr. Narciso G. Reyes (Philippines) was elected Chairman unanimously.
4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General, dated 9 September 1975, from which it appeared that credentials issued by the Head of State or Government, or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, had been communicated, as provided for in rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, by all Member States, except 51. In 11 cases (Albania, Bulgaria, Burundi, Colombia, Gambia, Hungary, Madagascar, Mauritania, Pakistan, Paraguay and Thailand) the appointment of representatives had been communicated to the Secretary-General in cables from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs. In 38 cases (Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Cambodia, Congo, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritius, Oman, Philippines, Romania, Singapore, Spain, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Upper Volta, Uruguay and Yemen) the appointment of the representatives had been submitted in letters or notes verbales from the permanent representatives or permanent missions concerned. (However, in the latter case the permanent representatives of 25 States - Bahamas, Barbados, Congo, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Gabon, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Iceland, Ireland, Israel,

Italy, Jamaica, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritius, Oman, Philippines, Romania, Singapore, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda and Upper Volta - had been empowered to represent their Governments without limitation as to session in all organs of the United Nations.) Finally, two Member States, the Maldives and South Africa, were not represented at the seventh special session of the General Assembly. In addition, the Legal Counsel informed the Committee that subsequent to the preparation of the Secretary-General's memorandum credentials in good and due form had been received by the Secretary-General for nine other States, namely, Barbados, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Ghana, Honduras, Hungary, Ivory Coast, Laos and Singapore, and credentials by cable from Ireland.

5. The Legal Counsel informed the Committee that it would be in accordance with past practice for the Committee to accept the communications from the permanent representatives or permanent missions referred to in paragraph 4 above, pending receipt of full credentials from the Governments which had not yet transmitted them.

6. Referring to paragraph 1 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, the representative of Senegal said that it should be clearly shown that, as at 10 September 1975, 136 of the 138 Member States were participating in the seventh special session and that two States were not participating.

7. The Chairman then proposed that, in the light of the remarks made by the Counsel, the Committee should decide to accept the credentials of representatives of all Member States referred to in paragraph 4 above and proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the seventh special session of the General Assembly,

"Accepts the credentials of all representatives to the seventh special session of the General Assembly."

The resolution was adopted without a vote.

8. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 10 below). The proposal was approved by the Committee unanimously.

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the seventh special
session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.
