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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FORTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Second report of the Credentials Committee

Acting Chairman: Mr. Victor E. BEAUGE (Argentina)

1. The Credentials Committee held its 2nd meeting on 1 December 1987.
2. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 30 November 1987 concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States participating in the forty-second session of the General Assembly, other than the credentials of the representatives accepted by the Credentials Committee at its 1st meeting on 7 October 1987 (see A/42/630).
3. A statement relating to the memorandum by the Secretary-General was made by the representative of the Secretary-General, the Legal Counsel.
4. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, formal credentials in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly had been received from the following 36 Member States: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Egypt, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Lesotho, Malawi, Malta, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, Vanuatu, Venezuela and Zambia. It was noted that the formal credentials of Antigua and Barbuda and of Bangladesh were in fact received by the Secretariat prior to the 1st meeting of the Credentials Committee, but were not, due to an oversight in communications within the Secretariat, placed before the Credentials Committee at its 1st meeting. The Legal Counsel informed the Committee that, subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum, formal credentials had been received from the Gambia and the United States of America. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the memorandum were orally revised to reflect this fact.

5. As noted in paragraph 4 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the forty-second session of the General Assembly had been communicated to the Secretary-General, by means of a cable from the Head of State or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or in the form of a communication from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following five Member States: Dominica, Dominican Republic, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Peru and Rwanda.

6. Statements relating to the credentials of the representatives of Grenada were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America.

7. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that the Soviet delegation wished to reaffirm its position regarding the non-acceptance of the credentials of the representatives of Grenada.

8. The representative of the United States of America stated that the credentials of the representatives of Grenada were obviously in order and that it was deplorable that some delegations were unable to restrain themselves from seeking to politicize the functions of the Credentials Committee. He said that his delegation rejected such comments as being not only out of order but without any justification whatsoever. He hoped that in due course whatever new thinking there might be would bring all concerned within the bounds of responsible conduct.

9. The Acting Chairman proposed that, taking into account the statements made in the Committee, which would be reflected in its report, the Committee accept the credentials of representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, as orally revised, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraph 4 of the Secretary-General's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Acting Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the forty-second session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 30 November 1987,

"Taking into account the statements made by delegations during the debate,

"Accepts the credentials of the Member States concerned."

10. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

11. The Acting Chairman proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 13 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

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

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

Credentials of representatives to the forty-second session of the
General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.
